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EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

GOLD is worth 100¾.

THE President of Venezuela is dead.

HON. LINN BARTHOLOMEW is a candidate for Attorney General.

NEW discoveries of rich silver deposits are being made near Denver, Colorado.

IN this country there is one woman to every fifty men employed in journalism.

GEO. H. BOKER was chosen President of the Union League, at Philadelphia last Thursday.

ALECK MCCLURE, of the *Times*, organ of Pennsylvania Democracy, is credited with being manager of Gov. Curtin's contest.

IT is reported that the Ameer of Afghanistan has fled to Turkestand, with his family. He must be *A meer* wreck of his former self.

THERE is a secret organization in the South at work for the repudiation of the State debt of several southern commonwealths.

ENGLAND has numerous agents at work in this country searching for war horses. The American horse is bound to play an important part in Eastern affairs.

TO HAVE a leg amputated and be made United States Senator in one day is a pretty big transaction, but that's what happened to Wade Hampton, Governor by fraud of South Carolina.

LET the *Watchman* people uncover their heads and cool off a little before 1880 comes. If they don't they will have nearly exhausted their pack of lies, which thus far has proved inexhaustible.

SENATOR BLAINE made a ringing speech in the Senate last Wednesday, in support of his resolution to investigate the election frauds. In replying, Senator Lamar arose to the dignity of standing on his ear.

LORD CRANBROOK, Secretary of State for India, said in Parliament that there is not room in Afghanistan for both England and Russia. Alexander of Russia should now say that if such is the case, "we will occupy the room."

IF our friends at the other end of the row will be kind enough to keep their shirts on until 1880, the country will be safe. For heaven's sake, don't tie loose your wrath at this particular time! We insist on a "Pent up Utica."

THE Philadelphia *Times*, "A. K. M's" paper, claims to be an independent, but ever since it started a hearty support has been given to every Democratic candidate for State office. If that is independence, we'd just like to know what sectarianism means.

THE Republican campaign of 1880 is already bothering Meek. Don't fear, Mr. *Watchman*, for it will be conducted honestly, so far as Republicans are concerned, in which case our candidate will go flying into the White House without any Electoral Commissions to fool with. Don't bust your vest yet awhile.

A PROMINENT official of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, who recently returned from an extended tour of inspection in the States and Territories west of the Mississippi, says that he was greatly astonished to observe the strength of the Grant movement in that section. That in addition to the strong hold the name of the ex-President seems to have on the hearts of the people, veteran clubs have been formed all over the far West, who are all enthusiastic for the nomination of their old leader, and will work together to that end.

One of the Barbarous States.

It is no unusual thing for the lawless in Kentucky to defy those who are clothed with authority. The right to shoot a man is by tacit consent and long usage, one of the inalienable rights of the "natives of the dark and bloody ground." Mr. Thompson, who was elected to Congress a few weeks ago, first impressed himself upon the public, in connection with his brothers, in a court house tragedy, in which about every member of the opposing party was killed upon the spot. It is an exceptional week in the barbarous State of Kentucky, when there is not a deliberate murder by shooting, and yet no one can remember that such an offense was ever punished by hanging or imprisonment, except it might be in some rare instance, where a negro was foolish enough to suppose he had the same right as his white, but more savage neighbor, to shoot, in order to avenge a real or supposed injury. In such cases the negro is soon made to see the difference, by a decree of Judge Lynch's court, and is hanged to the most convenient tree. It is not unfrequent among those savage Kentuckians for whole communities to take to shooting, as was the case in Breathitt county week before last, when a band of desperadoes held the county town for several days. Stanley says in his work "Through the dark Continent," that he found that the savages of Africa respected nothing so much as force and power; when he was easy with them they considered it cowardice. So it has been here with the white savages of our southern States. When Ben Butler held them at New Orleans, as with a rod of iron, he made that city more decent and peaceful than it ever was before, or has been since. But when the government has held out the olive branch of peace to them, and has tried to win them to decency and good behavior, by lenient treatment, they, like the savages of Africa, have mistaken it for feebleness and want of courage, until they have come to have a contempt for those who represent the authority of the laws—both State and National, and this terrible state of affairs will never be corrected until the government is allowed to rebuke such action by the strong arm of power.

They Will Steal.

The salaries of leading bank officers in England and Scotland are merely nominal, from the fact that it is supposed to be very honorable to fill such a position. This is equally true of members of Parliament, who serve Her Majesty and their constituents for absolutely nothing. The real value for services rendered is, in this case also, conceived to be in the honor. The banker's position comes within range of the wealthy class only, for the reason that it is presumed they know how to handle money, and understand its value. The disclosures made in the recent financial crashes have proved the contrary, and many English bankers must be placed upon that list of peculiar persons known as kleptomaniacs—born to steal. Although men of low salary, who are chosen for the sake of "honor," some must be put down as consumate thieves. Two million dollars (a small sum for one so honorable) is the amount that an Englishman not long since admitted to have stolen, and all because he could not resist temptation. And these very men, if reduced to stringent circumstances, would as unhesitatingly purloin something of less value—a hat, for instance—notwithstanding their honor.

The lessons to be learned from this are many. High life is not exempt from rascality, and every nation, or the citizens of every nation, should carefully select the men into whose hands millions of money must pass. Crime in exalted places began when Satan, who once was of the brightest of God's angels, fell into eternal oblivion, and we presume that so long as time lasts, thievery will not be a stranger in the upper walks of sociciety.

The Princess Alice.

The death of Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, reference to which is made in another place, casts a pall of almost impenetrable gloom over the Royal House of England. Since the death of Prince Albert, December 14, 1861, the Queen's family has not suffered the loss of a member, but has been exempt from great affliction. The lamented Princess, who is the first called away from a family of nine children, all of whom have grown to maturity, was Victoria's third child. First, in 1840, the Queen bore the Princess Victoria, who is the wife of the Prince Imperial of Prussia. The hearts of the British people were gladdened in 1841 by the birth of the Prince of Wales, heir-apparent to the British throne, and on April 5, 1843, was born the Princess Alice.

As the Princess grew to womanhood she attained the popular favor, and was deemed among the most amiable of the royal family. The gloom occasioned by the death of her father, Prince Albert, was somewhat dispelled by the Princess' marriage, at nineteen years of age, on the 1st of July, 1862, to Prince Ludwig, of Hesse. Her husband was then heir to the Grand Dukedom of Hesse, to which he succeeded last year upon the death of his uncle. Since her marriage, she has made her home in the ducal palace in the city of Darmstadt, said to be one of the finest buildings in Germany. Here, among the people over whom her husband rules, she was esteemed and loved for her many noble qualities. Like a true mother, she died while nursing her husband and children, who are suffering from diptheria. The late Grand Duchess had six children, born in the following order: Victoria, born April 5, 1863; Elizabeth, November 1, 1864; Irene, July 11, 1866; Ludwig, November 25, 1868; Alice, June 6, 1872, and Marie, May 24, 1874. Of these, all survive her except the little Princess Marie, who died last month of the same malady as her mother.

A GENERAL convention of the leading military officers of the different States is to be held in New York in January, to take whatever official action may be necessary to make the militia force of each State an efficient military organization, and to present to Congress the plans proposed in support of a bill to appropriate $1,000,000 annually for the purchase of arms, ammunition, and other ordnance and quartermasters' stores and for the general benefit of, and to be proportionately divided among the regularly organized and uniformed militia of the different States, in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed by a mixed board of army and militia officers appointed by the President. A State Military Convention has been called to meet in Harrisburg or Philadelphia December 18, to select representatives to the general convention, and to take counsel as to what steps can be taken for the improvement of the National Guard of this State. A new code, which shall be complete and sufficient in itself, and intelligible to the officers and men, to be presented to the Legislature of this State for its approval, will be acted upon. Acknowledging that Pennsylvania is second only to New York in the numbers of its National Guard, the officers believe it to be far behind all other States which make any pretensions to a uniformed militia, in the provisions of its code.

IT is rumored that Attorney General Devens will resign, and that he will be appointed to succeed Judge Sheply in the judgship of the U. S. Court for the Maine circuit.

THE rumor gains ground that Conkling will not be a Presidential candidate, but favors Grant.

The Curtin-Yocum Contest.

As we have already noticed in the REPUBLICAN, Governor Curtin has given Mr. Yocum notice, which was served on the 10th of this month, that he will contest his right to his seat in Congress under the recent election. We desired the nomination of a Republican in this district, and felt keenly disappointed when the conference, assembled for that purpose, declared it inexpedient to make a nomination, as we believed then, and do still, that the Republican party, with an acceptable nominee, would have had very flattering prospects of success—at all events, the dignity and integrity of the Republican party would have been asserted and maintained in this Congressional district.

We will endeavor to give our readers full information as the investigation progresses, and will treat all the evidence and questions raised with fairness and impartiality. We are not the advocate of Gov. Curtin in this contest.

We understand from his friends that he will pursue the investigation until it is ascertained whether he or Mr. Yocum had a majority of the legal votes polled, and if he can show clearly that he did receive a majority of the legal votes in the district by sufficient and undoubted proof, he will be entitled to the representation of the district in the next Congress: if he cannot, Mr. Yocum ought of right, and no doubt will, remain in undisputed possession of it.

WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, '78.

The impression sought to be given that Mr. Blaine's speech of Wednesday was an effort to revive sectional animosities, is flagrantly and unqualifiedly false. The change of front decreed at the beginning of the present administration upon the questions that grew out of the South's rebellion and subsequent measures of reconstruction and which have largely determined the choice of every President elected since 1864, removed them almost wholly from the arena of partisan politics. Whether this change, this, in one sense, forcible extirpation of National issues—shall prove to have been well or ill advised, and to what extent, will be determined in the fullness of time. There has been a tacit agreement, apparently, on the part of Republican leaders, even those farthest from acquiescing in the wisdom of the course pursued, to await that verdict. And the nature of Mr. Blaine's resolutions in no sense justify the purpose attributed to him and his Republican associates to resurrect the issues said to have been buried in the "bloody chasm" when its edges were brought in coaplation and cemented by "conciliation." Every evil and iniquity they aimed to correct are of past conciliation practice, were, indeed, the prominent features of the late campaign in not a few of the States and committees South. And the chosen representatives of Republican sentiment could not have evaded the responsibility forced on them by the preparation of such fraud and crimes against suffrage, without a show of recreancy that would have been fatal to them and left the party unworthy the respect of any honest man. The unprecedented crowd brought to the Capitol on the occasion of Mr. Blaine's speech was conclusive proof that he has lost nothing in reputation since the eventful day that he, almost single handed, vanquished the Democratic side of the House in 1876. By 10 o'clock every available seat in the galleries was filled; and long before the expiration of the morning hour (from 12 to 1 P. M.) every approached to the Senate Chamber and the galleries above, was packed and jammed almost to suffocation. Every Senator was in his seat and with the exception of Mr. Conkling, intently listened to every utterance of the Maine Senator. In the diplomatic gallery were the most distinguished resident representative of foreign governments, as well as Mr. Evarts. The floor back of Senator's seats was occupied by members of the lower House with visitors from every section of our own and other countries, about all standing; and every passage leading towards the centre of attraction was crowded with hundreds listening to catch one word of the debate.

The telegraph has informed you of the substance of the speech. All agree that the speaker was never more felicitous in manner. Every sentence was an indictment but drawn with such a master hand that any show of anger reacted on those guilty of the indiscretion. All in all, the repute of Mr. Blaine as a man of almost unlimited resources and as worthy to bear the mantle of any of his predecessors in the Senate, has been confirmed by this eventful episode in which he towers as central figure head and shoulders above those who essayed a defense. Perhaps Mr. Thurman did as well as any one could do at such a terrible disadvantage. He sought to break the force of Blaine's arraignment by citing Butler's tales of intimidation in Massachusetts when suffering the first pains of his humiliating defeat, and other unconfirmed acts of lawlessness equally irrelevant and far fetched to offset hundreds of assassination of political opponents in the South which have been generally defended and some of them officially admitted. It is the prevalent impression that Lamar positively discredited his previous reputation by his puny efforts at a reply. In the light of the Democratic record relative to education in the South his remarks were no less inconsistent than ridiculous. We are indebted to the aid of Edmunds' keen logic for putting Democracy in the very uncomfortable and damaging position in which it has been left by Wednesday's battle.

The restrictive bill recently passed to regulate inter-State trade is regarded as a step in the right direction, to put a stop to the impositions and discriminations practiced by railroads. It is also a refreshing assertion of its rights on the part of Congress and will rather tend to discredit the story of its ownership by big corporations.

It seems the belief that Senator Edmund's bill for the improvement of our method of electing President and Vice President will pass the Senate, whatever its fate in the House. The near approximation of equality between parties in the present Congress makes this a very opportune session to push this matter. The perils we escaped at the last election by the final adoption of an extra-constitutional method of determining the election, ought not to be lost on us. LEO.

The Modern Iroquois.

Nearly 6,000 of the dezcendants of the old Six Nations of Central New York are at Forestville, Wis., on a government reservation. The United States agent in charge of this reservation reports that nearly 2,000 of these 6,000 can read and write; that they have 29 day and two manual labor schools; and that they cultivate their land so diligently that they pay all the expenses of their living. They are reported as advancing in church discipline, growing in temperance and making rapid progress toward a complete civilization. They are not the old Iroquois in spirit or courage or adventure; but they may yet play a part in civilization quite as worthy of their lineage as that of the warriors who burned and ravaged up and down the Mohawk Valley during the Revolution. One popular delusion respecting them—that they are rapidly dying out—has been thoroughly eradicated from the public mind. If to those of the Six Nations who are on the reservation we add the Canadian descendants of the famous confederacy, we have a number nearly if not quite as large as the total census of the Iroquois at the time when they were the masters and conquerors of the continent.

THE Altoona *Tribune* of a recent date gives the following of interest to every reader: "Our readers will remember the riot which occured at Lilly's on the 22d of October last, an account of which was given in the *Tribune* at the time. Seventeen persons were arrested, among them four females, charged with riot and assault and battery. They visited the house of a newly-married couple named Maxwell, where they behaved in a most outrageous manner and roughly treated the groom. The evidence against the defendants was conclusive, but the jury, after worrying over it nearly a day, returned a verdict of not guilty. In assessing the defendants with the cost of the suit Judge Orvis took occasion to warn them against rowdyism, a repetition of their offense, and said, "If you do, you will scarcely find twelve men in Cambria county so utterly oblivious of their oaths as jurors, as to bring a verdict in your favor. In the light of the testimony adduced this is a verdict unfit to be made."

Newspaper Jottings.

The weekly *Bobingersoll* is a newspaper printed in Indiana. Fact.

—The Mayersville, Miss., *Leader* is offered for sale on reasonable terms.

—Charles W. Dickinson, of Belville, N. J. is the patentee of tin type cases.

—The office of the San Francisco *Call* is soon to be lighted with the new electric light.

—The Naugatuck (Ct.) *Enterprise* and the Waterbury (Ct.) *Index*, have both been enlarged.

—C. C. Powning, editor and proprietor of the Reno (Cal.) *Journal*, has been elected a State Senator.

—Mr. Sanderson, of Lancaster, Pa, has purchased of Hon. S. M. Wherry the *American Volunteer* of Carlisle, Pa.

—Mr. Bancroft recently presented the lady who reads the proof of his work with $50 for discovering an error in a Latin quotation.

—Oliver Ditson & Co., of Boston, have commenced the publication of a good looking musical magazine to be called the *Musical Record*. There is a field for such a paper.

—J. W. Pomfrey, editor and proprietor of the Kentan (O.) *Saturday Evening Press*, has been indicted for alleged libel on Hon. J. G. Carlisle, Congressman-elect from the Sixth district of that State.

—*Yih che sin luh*, or "Magazine for the Promotion of Knowledge," is the title of a Chinese monthly periodical which is now published in Pekin. They would like to exchange with all high-tone newspapers.

—Mr. Herbert H. Smith, who has been engaged in collecting material in Brazil for a series of articles which will appear in *Scribner's Monthly* next year, has sailed for that country in the steamer City of Para.

—So many murderers about to be hanged "hope to meet us all in heaven" that we have concluded to start for the other place.—*New Haven Register.*—Saying you're too good?—*Boston Post* Oh no, for safety.—*Register.*

—A Boston editor's little cherub said her "Now I lay me" the other night, added a prayer for her father, mother, brother and sisters, and wound up the words: "And, O God, bless me and make me the boss little girl."

—Editors are generally poorly off for clothing. When you hear of one of them having two suits, you can calculate that one is the suit he wears every day and Sundays, too, and the other is a libel suit.—*Rome Sentinel.*

—Do you ever think, boys, that centuries from now, when the present age of paragraphers shall have passed away, what a fat thing our successors will have turning back to our files and clipping without credit. —*N. Y. Express.*

—The present publisher of the *Tolland County Gleaner*, Rockville, Conn., recently sued the former publisher for fraud and misrepresentation in claiming the paper has 700 circulation, whereas it had only half that number. He was unsuccesful.

—There are two or three fonts of type at the Laconia (N. H.) *Democrat* office which are said to have been in use ever since that paper was started —more than twenty-nine years ago— and are still in fair condition. Friend Whaley, of the Lock Haven *Democrat* owns the case and contents that Noah used in the ark.

—The London *Daily Telegram* speaks on its editorial page of "*mon femme*" and the *Daily News* of "*la magasin.*" Such mistakes are as uncalled for as they are unpardonable. An editor that isn't sure of his French should stick to his *coup d'etat, sine qua non, coup de soleil, ne plus ultra, charlotte russe requiescat in pace, hy mucha muck* and like phrases that he is sure of.—*Free Press.*

—On a certain occasion Edward Everett visited the composing-room of the Boston *Advertiser* at a late hour to read a proof of an oration which he had failed to see at an earlier hour. Extremely particular about his style, he was altering sentences and making additions while the forms were waiting, which so irritated the foreman that he roared out: "Cut it short, Everett—confound it, cut it short. There's no time now for patching up bad English."

Poetry.

ANONYMOUS POETRY.

Exactly sixty years ago, the London *Morning Chronicle* published a poem, entitled, "Lines on a Skeleten," which excited much attention. Every effort, even to the offering of a reward of fifty guineas, was vainly made to discover the author. All that ever transpired was, that the poem, in a fair, clerkly hand, was found near a skeleton of remarkable beauty of form and color, in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn, London, and that the Curator of the Museum had sent them to Mr. Perry, editor and proprietor of the *Morning Chronicle*.

LINES ON A SKELETON.

Behold this ruin! 'Twas a skull
Once of etheral spirit full,
This narrow cell was Life's retreat,
This space was Thought's mysterious seat.
What beautious visions filled this spot,
What dreams of pleasure, long forgot!
Nor hope, nor love, nor joy, nor fear,
Have left one trace of record here.

Beneath this mouldering canopy
Once shone the bright and busy eye;
But, start not at the dismal void—
If social love that eye employed;
If with no lawless fire it gleamed,
But through the dews of kindness beamed,
That eye shall be forever bright
When stars and suns are sunk in night.

With this hollow cavern hung
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue;
If falsehood's honey it disdained,
And were it could not praise, was chained;
If bold in Virtue's cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord, never broke,
This silent tongue shall bleed for thee
When time unveils eternity.

Say, did these fingers delve the wine?
Or with its envied rubies shine?
To hew the rock, or wear the gem,
Can little now unveil to them.
But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer meed shall claim
Than all that wait on Wealth or Fame.

Avails it, whether bare or shod,
These feet the paths of duty trod,
If from the bowers of Ease they fled,
To seek Affliction's humble shed;
If Grandeur's guilty bribe they spurned,
And home to Virtue's cot returned,
These feet with angel's wings shall vie
And tread the palace of the sky.

Our Story Teller.

The Battery's Pride.

"One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin."—*Shakspeare.*

[The main idea of this little story was suggested by some anonymous verses current in the newspapers some time ago, called "The Pride of Battery B." It is the suggestion only, however, that is due to the verses; the tale, as it is here told, is the writer's own.]

We were a party of artillerymen, rough, western men, for the most part, although Ramson, our sergeant, was a fine-feathered, delicate-handed fellow, not over-bearing nor proud, since he had always a pleasant word or a kindly smile for most of us, and yet, with a certain distinction of bearing, which made one wonder how he had come to be a simple sergeant. I, at least, knew him to be a gentleman, for although it is a tale too long to be told now why I had left home and friends and refined surroundings for the rude life of a private soldier in the time of war, I could very well see that Ramson's past had been no less refined than my own; and during the campaign of 1864 we had been assigned to the same post of duty, and fraternized at once, most naturally. I shared his tent throughout that busy summer, but although he proved to be the most agreeable of companions, he rarely spoke of his past life, and when he did a cloud of such painful remembrance seemed to pass across his fair, handsome features that I soon learned to avoid all allusion to it, and only enjoyed the good fortune which had thrown this pleasant, debonair comrade across my path.

For Ramson was the life of our camp. He had a rich baritone voice, which had evidently been carefully cultivated, a wonderful memory, which retained with the most vivid distinctness every occurrence, and powers of narration of the highest order, so that he was eagerly welcomed at every camp fire—for the times when a soldier is not on active duty are very sure to be tedious. Neither Ramson nor myself set up for saints among our wild western confreres, and yet there were times when their lawless ways shocked us both, and this fact, probably, made our sergeant more willing to turn the thoughts of the rollicking boys to more innocent amusements than draw-poker and such like evil devices. Even the charm of draw-poker would often yield to Ramson's powers of entertainment, and first one, and then another of the great-bearded gamblers would throw down the cards and steal across to the little knot of listeners which were sure to be grouped around the sergeant whenever the tinkling of the guitar, which he carried everywhere with him, was heard in the stillness of the summer evenings.

We had chosen a very romantic spot for the camp. We were part of the advance guard of the army, and very well knew that across the wooded hill to the right the enemy's outposts were stationed, only a stone's throw, as it were, from our own. Indeed, the pickets often came in sight of one another beyond the rocky mountain stream which dashed around the foot of the hill, while the drums could be distinctly heard when the wind blew from the west, where against the horizon the South Mountain rose, blue and misty in the summer distance. It was a beautiful valley, smiling and peaceful, when we first saw it, but a month of constant fighting had left its mark even upon the calm face of nature, for scarcely a day had passed without a skirmish of some sort, and one or two desperate battles had been fought.

It was only an evening or two after one of these skirmishes that we were grouped as usual around the sergeant and his guitar. Somebody had brought some good tobacco into the camp, and it was circulating freely among the men. Every one of us was smoking as we listened to the sergeant and the pleasant evening wind blew great whiffs of smoke up the hillside, where it hung in little clouds among the bushes. The tobacco itself was sufficient to put us all in a good humor even had we not come out best in the fight, and as we sat in the moonlight beside the stream, some one called out to Ramson to sing a wild, dare devil kind of a song that was a great favorite with some of the men.

There was no harm in the song, only a happy go-lucky species of composition, hitting off with considerable humor the life of a soldier in camp, and Ramson had scarcely uttered the last line of the first verse before every man of us was startled by the reverberation of a childish laugh, which came from some point in the thickly wooded hillside close by.

The moon was pouring her clear white light over the hill and upon the foaming thread of water which dashed around its base, and in a second or two we saw, picking her way over the great rocks which lay in the water, a tiny barefooted child, a little girl, who came quite confidently across the stream toward us.

She was such a tiny tot of a thing and she looked so weird and eirie standing there in the moonlight, with a little gray cap on her head, beneath which a thick mass of glossy black curls hung wildly over a pair of great bright, dark eyes, that we all stopped smoking and stared at her in unfeigned astonishment. It was long since a child had been among us, and this little creature came across the stream and up the steep bank toward us without a shadow of fear or embarrassment upon her pretty gypsy face. She stopped when she had climbed the bank, put her bare feet together, straightened her baby figure, and lifted her hand to the little gray cap in military salute.

It happened that I was nearest the child and I held out my hand to her coaxingly.

"Who are you, little maid?" I asked.

"I'm Nina," she answered, unhesitatingly, "and my boys call me the 'Pride of the Battery.'" That's because I belong to 'em, you know, and I ride the guns."

"Ride the guns!" I ejaculated; "a little mite like you! And does your mother let you do that?"

"I'se got no mover," shaking her long curls sadly, "and no papa either, and so Captain Ned took me for the battery's child. He's 'dopted me, you know."

"Adopted you?"

"Yes," she answered proudly, and then she threw around upon us all a quick, bright glance, which would have been bold had not its audacity been tempered by such an exquisitely truthful innocence.

"They don't know I came," she went on, with a continuation of the gay, childish laugh we had heard on the hillside. "I crept out underneath the tent after Captain Ned had put me to bed. I wasn't afraid to come cause I knew you were soldiers, and a soldier wouldn't hurt a little thing like me. And good Mister Yankee men I want some of your 'bacca!"

"You want some of our 'bacca, do you? That's a queer thing for a little girl to want!" somebody said, amused at the child's earnestly anxious manner.

"Oh, I wouldn't use it," she cried in childish disdain, "I want it for my boys! It's been days and days since they had anything, and it makes them so cross. Even the old colonel swore to-day (he swears dreffful, and it makes me sick) he'd give a leg for a good pipe full like the Yankees had over on the other side of the hill here. So I've been thinkin' all day how I could come across and get some for my poor boys."

She looked so sweet and innocent, and her great lustrous eyes had so pleading an expression as she spoke that many a rough, grimy face worked strangely in response to the thrilling of the chord of common brotherhood which this baby's hand had touched.

"Come here, said the last speaker, a grizzled Kentucky giant, with a paw like a bear, "hold out that big apron of yours."

She lifted the corners of her little dark calico apron she wore, which was about the size of an ordinary pocket handkerchief, and approached the Kentuckian. "Thar," he continued, throwing in a large chunk of fragrant Lone Jack, "that's half of what I've got, take that to your 'boys!'"

The sweet little voice rang out again and again in childish delight, for every man of us followed the Kentuckian's lead, and heaped the tiny apron full.

"I smelled it before I saw you, way up on top of the hill," she said, her dark eyes sparkling with pleasure, "and then I knew I hadn't lost my way. And the music was pitty, too. It made me laugh, and I knew my boys would be pleased when I got back and told 'em where I'd been. I can sing, too," she added naively, slightly drooping her sweet gypsy face.

"Then give us a song to pay for the 'bacca," cried Hawkins, the Kentuckian.

She looked up into his face with her bright, dark eyes, "Oh, I'm going to bring it back, sure, just as soon as we get some more. But I'll sing, too, if you like."

We lifted her up on a tall stump of a tree near by, and the little creature began to sing. She had not much voice—no child of five or six ever has—but it was wonderfully sweet, and her powers of mimicry were marvelous. Some one, perhaps the Captain Ned, of whom she had told us, had composed the song for her, and she gave it thoroughly in character. Doubtless she had sung it hundreds of times before to a similar audience, so that she was in no wise embarrassed when we applauded vociferously.

Our appreciation pleased her, however, for she laughed gayly; but she soon skipped nimbly down from her impromptu pedestal, and went round among us, holding out her tiny hand to each in farewell, with infinite infantile dignity and grace. "The boys would miss her," she explained, "if she stayed away too long." When she reached the sergeant he suddenly stooped down to her, caught her in his arms and kissed her full in her sweet, rosy mouth.

"'Tention, squad!" he called out when he had drew himself up again, and his voice was husky with emotion. We gave the little creature escort across the stream, and watched her disappear among the thick shrubbery which rose beyond.

It was only a quarter of an hour or so afterward that a hoarse shout arose from the enemy's camp on the other side of the hill. It was the welcome which those poor, half-starved rebs were giving to the little heroine and to our tobacco! We never stopped to think, but with a hearty three times three we sent back the cheer, till the woods and rocks reechoed the sound far off to the distant mountain range. And then we looked sadly round at each other to think how baby's hand had spun this slender thread which stretched between brothers divided by such a wide sea of blood and suffering.

I don't know whether it was the remembrance of the child whose appearance had touched him so deeply or a presentiment of what was to come, but from that night Ramson seemed to lose his bright spirits. Even his promotion, which came the next week, failed to rouse him from the dejection which seemed to take possession of him. When he was made lieutenant, of course I ceased to share his tent, and I believe he felt the loss as much as I did. At any rate, when he was wounded and taken to the hospital, he begged that I might be allowed to wait on him. And perhaps because I was more gentle than the other men the request was granted, and I stayed with him through the three days which elapsed before he died. For he did die, but not before he had told me a part of the painful story which he had always shrunk from approaching in his days of splendid health.

He had married young, he said, and very foolishly. His wife had been a brilliantly-beautiful, vain, capricious girl, and both had been too young to realize the responsibilities and cares that were to come with marriage. She had never really cared for him, but she had borne him one child—a baby daughter. He was of Northern birth, although living in the South, and when the war broke out his married life had already become so unhappy that it was scarcely an added pain when she refused to live with him on account of his political sentiments. Only the thought of the child bound him in any way to the beautiful, intractable mother. He went to her at her father's house and begged, for the sake of the child, that she would return to him. The father seconded his request, but the girl was like adamant. She would never share the home of a Yankee, she protested. The only comfort the wretched husband could extort from her was a promise to write of the child's welfare.

Then came terrible days in the South. Months passed, and the once fair and rich plantations were devastated, ruined. Ramson came North, and in his wretchedness found the army the most fitting place to drive away the recollections that haunted him. He knew the child was safer in its grandfather's home than it would be with him, and beside this the brave soldier's heart was yet too tender to strike the mother by claiming the child. But one day came a letter from his wife telling him the babe was dead, and after this that episode of his married life was a closed page to him, to which he never or rarely turned. This was all his story, and he told it me with eyes bright with fever and lips that trembled with weakness as he spoke.

"Do you remember," he asked, "that baby that came to us that night in camp? Well, my little one would have been just as old, and it was wonderful how like that child was to Louise. It was for my baby's sake that I kissed her; not for her likeness to the baby's mother. And yet, poor Louise."

He turned uneasily on his side, and his face flushed even to a deeper red. He clasped my hand tightly, and then his mind began to wander. By next morning he was dead.

The war did not last much longer, and at its close I went to New York. This is not my own story, so I shall not tell you how it came to pass that I found myself by the will of a relative left my own master, with abundant means and not a claim upon me in the world. But one day I was called over to Baltimore on some business, and there, in one of the most public streets, I saw a sight which attracted my attention strangely.

We Northern men scarcely realized during the war how much sympathy for the South was felt in Baltimore. But the Southerners knew it, and therefore to a Baltimorean it appeared only a matter of course that a Confederate soldier in his gray uniform should be standing at the corner of a street grinding away at an old hand-organ. I say standing, although this poor fellow had no legs to stand upon—only two poor, deformed stumps on which his body rested. I was attracted by the sight, but should probably have passed no more than a stare of curiosity had not a child beside the soldier began to sing. I don't know that I should have recognizeu the "Battery's Pride" either, for the elf-locks were all braided neatly around her head and she was taller and less chubby than when I had seen her in our camp two years ago, but the words of the song struck upon my ear as strangely familiar, and my memory instantly sprang to the time and place where I had heard them before. Remembering, too, what poor Ramson had said, I stopped and spoke to her.

She looked up pleased when I put a little gold piece into her palm, and then I asked her if she remembered me.

"She never forgets anything," the old soldier said, a pale smile spreading over his sickly features as he looked at her.

But upon this occasion it appeared that Nina had forgotten. She shook her head and glanced up shyly into my face, but declared that she had never seen me before.

But when I recalled her childish feat of walking into an enemy's camp alone at night her face lit up directly.

"And were you there?" she asked. "I do not remember anybody. Oh yes, I do," she added thoughtfully. "I remember the sergent. He took me in his arms and kissed me!"

I think some of my readers must know the feeling that one has for an old comrade at arms that one has fought beside and suffered with, and loved. I doubt if there is any other feeling in the world quite like it. That this little thing should have remembered Ransom alone, out of a score of men who had been kind to her, touching me deeply. I had little to interest me in the world, and I was nearly forty. I determined to find out something of the child's history, and perhaps do something for her for Ranson's sake. And yet I did not know then the claim she had upon him.

I questioned the soldier closely and found out where he lived. That evening I went to see him, and, remembering that past episode, took with me a generous supply of Lone Jack for which Nina had pleaded so eloquently two years ago. It was only a garret where the two lived, and yet the child had managed to give it a certain homelike air, for her pretty ways and songs brought many a penny to their common purse, and it was plain to see that they were not in absolute want. And some kind ladies, too, in the house below, had helped them, the man said, for near friends of their own had fallen in "The Lost Cause."

But the man was very uneasy about Nina. He had taken her as a sacred trust, he said, from his dead captain, the Captain Ned of whom Nina had told us so much. Captain Ned (his surname was Anderson) had rescued the child from a house that the Federals had fired, and although he had advertised for the parents he had never found them. The command had been ordered to a distant part of the country, and in time Captain Anderson had become so attached to the child that he could not bear to give her up. But he had always said that he was only keeping her till he could find her parents; the mother, he said, had been an old sweetneart of his, Mrs. Ranson.

"Ranson!" I cried; "are you sure?"

"Oh, yes," answered the soldier. "Captain Anderson knew the old plantation well, and so did I, and pretty Louise and her father, Colonel Mallory. We all came from the same parts. And when Captain Anderson died he gave me these papers and charged me if ever I came across any of the MaNorys that I should give up the child."

I looked at the little one, who was kneeling beside the pale soldier, with her small hands clasped over the gray sleeve of the Southern uniform.

"My child," I said, gently, "you did right to remember the sergeant, for he was your own father."

I am getting on in years now, and my hair and mustache are quite streaked with gray. Nina Ramson is a tall maiden of eighteen, as lovely and modest a creature as any one may wish to see. It is little that I have done for her in comparison with the pleasure it has been to me to educate poor Ramson's child, for although she has found her grandfather, the poor old man has been nearly ruined by the war and can only offer her the shelter of a modest home.

Colonel Mallory, however, has been able to supply the only missing link of mystery in the child's career.

On that night of terror, when the family fled from their burning homestead, the negro nurse of little Nina confessed that in her fright she had left the child sleeping in one of the upper rooms. The Federal army was known to be pressing behind the fugitive party, and it was only by accident that Captain Anderson, then attached to a party of guerrillas, had galloped up in time to see the woeful little face gazing down at him out of the flames, and, like a bold and gallant soldier as he was, rescued her. There was no time for delay, so that he carried her for miles on the pommel of his saddle, and as Sherman's terrible march to the sea left desolation and distress in its wake, there was nothing now to bring the Mallorys back to their ruined home. The nurse declared the child to be dead, for the walls had fallen in with a terrible crash a few hours after the owners had left, and the woman, negro like, had stayed behind in the firm belief that the Federals had come for the special purpose of bestowing riches on her race. But though Colonel Mallory had but an humble home in which to shelter his grandchild, she is very happy with him. Her mother died many years ago, and I fancy that she fills more than that wayward daughter's place. She shall never suffer for anything, please God, while I live, and when I die who is there that has any greater claim on a lonely man's wealth than Nina Ramson, "The Pride of the Battery?"

The Latest Fashions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6, 1878.

One forgets the gloom and drizzly atmosphere these December days are bringing, when they enter the magnificent new marble store, lately erected by Messrs. Stern Bros., on Twenty-third street.

In looking over the very latest fashions, we find everything worn or wanted by the feminine gender, from the tiny morsel of humanity, to Barnum's fat woman, who has comfortably packed within her epidermis good 600 pounds, avordupois. While the weather is so fickle we most especially need

WALKING SUITS,

of which there is a wholesome display, suited to the tastes of all grades of persons or purses. A very pretty combination suit was composed of basket brocade of the three toned colors now so much in vogue. In this case they were the invariable bronze gold, dark garnet, and navy blue, made with princess skirt, which means that the drapings are all fastened closely to the narrow cut dress, and nothing even simulating an over skirt is to be seen. Box plaitings on the under skirt with straps four and six inches in length by two-and-a-half in width, fastened by a gilt button, extended from the waist to the trimming on bottom. The basket brocade was merely the trimming of an underskirt placed on in graceful loopings, the fastening of which could not be seen, and was only known by the unique and artistic fall of the goods—"beauty never runs in straight lines." The basque was perfectly plain, bound round the edges with a simple cord of same material, at the underskirt and straps before described—one of the latest fastened with a double gilt button formed the only sleve trimming. Plain walking suits are very much in vogue, particularly for those who are out in all weathers, whether shopping, business or school girls. They are uniformly of very dark colors that blend so softly together as to be almost undistinguishable.

One pretty suit of dark blue, green and brown flannel was simply and plainly made, the scarf, bias across the entire front, and simply colored on the lower side with yellow flannel, so narrow as to be only a faint line of color on the dark surface, imparting remarkably stylish relief to the eye. Basque cut very deep and with front and back cut up to the sides, make a complete half circle.

One pretty style for those desiring very dashing suits, was made of Spanish grey cloth, with plain underskirt, heavily draped from the side back across the front to the back again, and there terminating in a wide, plain sash, colored with wide striped black and white satin, the basque having a vest of same satin fastened with cut steel buttons of remarkable finish, and made to look like continuous rows of cut steel beads strung together to make a button. This very stylish walking suit was $35 complete.

COLORED SILK COSTUMES.

One of London smoke brown for the base of the dress was trimmed around the bottom with 1½ in. knife pleating in ruby satin, above which was a bias trimming 8 in. in depth of the brown silk, trimmed round the bottom in narrow knife pleats, and both top and bottom caught together in spaces of three finger-lengths by a bias knot of the same silk fastening it. The front of the skirt was trimmed with reverse three-quarters of the length of the skirt, coming nearly together at the top and three-quarters of a yard apart at the end; they were of magnificent brocaded satin, three toned, in leaves and sprays of flowers. The triangular bottom of these revers were cut up several inches and lined with the same ruby satin, the end of each strap or tongue being fastened under the next, thus making a succession of loops, having the effect of a wreath around the sides. Rich variegated ground, with bright colors in bas relief, are the very popular trimming now for all plain colors which are used for the base of the dresses. Another set of revels of the plain silk came below the others and extended to the back, where they fastened under the full fall of the rich breadth of brocade which formed the long sweeping square French train. Sleeves were plainly trimmed, with the tongues, as those on the upper revers, lined with the ruby satin.

BLACK VELVET COSTUMES.

With shirred front in space, revers of rich brocaded velvet trimmed in massive get crochet fringe eight inches in depth, with a heading four inches wide, princess back and Martha Washington front.

Another velvet suit was trimmed with fluitings and quillings of silk, and the drapery formed of rich black and white satin and velvet so arranged as to make it almost a second dress or wrap, so gracefully was it arranged. An elegant wrapper of ruby corded silk was embroidered in shaded red chenille; to resemble a dolman wrap in pattern of embroidery, the princess back was entirely plain, and the square train was trimmed in five rows of narrow knife pleating.

ANOTHER

lighter shade of a greenish brown was elegantly and showily trimmed with a bronze cream satin, a color that language fails to describe, so rich and so delightful to the eye. A very rich brocade satin black ground, with gold daisies and cardinrl centre made the very new three-toned colors now so essential in the most fashinable toilets, trimmed this wonderful costume with a grace and elegance my pen finds impossible to portray correctly.

HATS.

The very newest style are called "beef eaters" and are just out today for the first time; they are a high broad crown and very narrow brim, trimmed with cords and handsome plumes they are remarkably distinguished, and our fashionable ladies are charmed with them as they have sent the round cottage brim quite in the back ground. Round Derby hats for young ladies are more used because they have a dashing style, coupled with extreme neatness from their plain trimming of three rows of narrow ribbon usually the same shade. A cottage peak hat is also shown for young ladies. These are trimmed in scarfs and beage colored plumes. Evening hats are simply large bows of velvet or satin pinned on the extreme top of the head with lace or illusion strings tied under the chin. One imported hat of a light cuir color, of corded silk and "beef-eater" shade, was trimmed with three superb feathers, three-toned dark (almost black) brown, shaded to a light fawn. A very few evening hats are shown, in white felt, but the newest style and lace ties. Children's hats are uniformly of very light pear felt, trimmed in same or lighter shade of satin.

FURS.

Ermine once more steps to the front and claims admiration from its pure beauty. Cloaks made in circulars are selling for $85 up to $145; in Dolman shapes from $115 to $150. Chinchilla is used for the finest trimmings on the best garments. Silver fox is in such demand, and the supply always so small that merchants cannot fill their orders. Seal sacques are about the same as last winter. They have gradually to resign their strong hold on the fashion element. Silver beaver and long black lynx will be greatly used as the winter advances.

FELT AND FLANNEL SKIRTS

are trimmed with three rows of knife in two colors of equal width, red being most used with the color of of the skirt, and the pleatings are made 1½ inches wide, one half of the skirt color and the other of blue flannel or felt, as the material of the skirt. A fold of inch wide bias materials heads each pleating, and is edged with a minute pinked scallop of the red on each side of the band and stitched down with the sewing machine.

TRIMMINGS

are mostly of fringe and passemetire with crimped silks and braid, forming the fashionable and widely known grass trimmings.

A Modest Tramp.

A modest ring at the door-bell of a house on Brady street called the lady to the door yesterday to discover a tramp, who, to her great astonishment, pulled off his hat as he said:

"Madam, did a big tramp with one eye call here to-day?"

"Yes—about an hour ago," she replied.

"His breath smelt of onions, didn't it?"

"Yes, terribly."

"And he asked for mince pie and cold beef tongue, didn't he?"

"Yes, he did. I never saw a more impudent fellow."

"Well, madam, I am following him around to tell the people what sort of a fellow he is. Don't you give him a mouthful—not even a drink of water."

"But you look like a tramp, too," she observed.

"Well, I is one, ma'am, but I don't eat onions and I never ask for mince pie. All I want is a slice of bread with a bone on it, and if they dips the bone in vinegar first, so much the better. Those of us who sleep in the old straw stack back here wants to give families a chance to get through the winter, while that 'ere fellow with one eye rushes around and demands the very luxuries of Kings and Queens. Don't encourage him, ma'am; he can't appreciate good wittles after he gets 'em."

"I like to be particular in all things," said an old maid the other day in the hearing of a bright five-year old girl; and when they were all at the dinner table the infant said that Miss—— would "like to have Pa tickle her above all things!"

The Philadelphia *Chronicle* remarks: Two Indains have been sentenced to be hanged in Oregon for murder and the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons are weeping because it is not in their power to save the red men from the gallows.

When Emerson recklessly wrote, "Every natural action is graceful," had he ever seen a woman throw a stone at a cow?—*Unknown Ex.*

Will somebody please send us some more of that newest of new jokes, "Canada is all for-Lorne."—*N. Y. Herald.*

EDITOR'S TABLE.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—(Philadelphia and Erie Division.)—On and after November 10, 1878:

WINTER.

ERIE MAIL leaves	Philadelphia	11 55 p m
" "	Harrisburg	4 25 a m
" "	Williamsport	8 35 a m
" "	Lock Haven	9 40 a m
" "	Renovo	11 00 a m
" arr at	Erie	7 35 p m
NIAGARA EXP. leaves	Philadelphia	7 20 a m
" "	Harrisburg	10 50 a m
" "	Williamsport	2 20 p m
" "	Lock Haven.	3 25 p m
Passengers by this train arrive in Bellefonte at		4 35 p m
FAST LINE leaves	Philadelphia	11 45 a m
" "	Harrisburg	3 35 p m
" "	Williamsport	7 25 p m
" arr at	Lock Haven	8 40 p m

EASTWARD.

PACIFIC EXP. leaves	Lock Haven	6 40 a m
" "	Jersey Shore	7 14 a m
" "	Williamsport	7 55 a m
" arr at	Harrisburg	11 55 a m
" "	Philadelphia	3 40 p m
DAY EXP. leaves	Lock Haven	11 20 a m
" "	Williamsport	12 40 p m
" arr at	Harrisburg	4 10 p m
" "	Philadelphia	7 20 p m
ERIE MAIL leaves	Renovo	8 35 p m
" "	Lock Haven	9 45 p m
" "	Williamsport	11 05 p m
" arr at	Harrisburg	2 45 a m
" "	Philadelphia	7 00 a m
FAST LINE leaves	Williamsport	12 35 a m
" arr at	Harrisburg	3 55 a m
" "	Philadelphia	7 40 a m

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BALD EAGLE VALLEY RAILROAD.—Time Table December 31, 1877.

WESTWARD.	Exp. A. M.	Mail P. M.
Leave Lock Haven	5 25	3 25
Flemington	5 29	3 30
Mill Hall	5 33	3 33
Beech Creek	5 46	3 47
Eagleville	5 50	3 51
Howard	6 00	4 02
Mount Eagle	6 08	4 10
Curtin	6 13	4 16
Milesburg	6 23	4 25
Bellefonte	6 33	4 35
Milesburg	6 43	4 45
Snow Shoe Int	6 48	4 48
Unionville	6 58	4 58
Julian	7 09	5 10
Martha	7 18	5 21
Port Matilda	7 26	5 31
Hannah	7 34	5 40
Fowler	7 40	5 46
Bald Eagle	7 48	5 53
Vail	7 53	5 58
East Tyrone	7 58	6 03
Arrive at Tyrone	8 05	6 10
EASTWARD.	P.M.	A.M.
Leave Tyrone	7 08	8 30
East Tyrone	7 15	8 37
Vail	7 19	8 42
Bald Eagle	7 23	8 47
Fowler	8 54	7 30
Hannah	7 36	9 02
Port Matilda	7 44	9 11
Martha	7 52	9 20
Julian	8 01	9 30
Unionville	8 11	9 42
Snow Shoe Int	8 21	9 51
Milesburg	8 24	9 55
Bellefonte	8 32	10 05
Milesburg	8 45	10 15
Curtin	8 55	10 25
Mount Eagle	9 00	10 30
Howard	9 08	10 40
Eagleville	9 18	10 52
Beech Creek	9 22	10 57
Mill Hall	9 34	11 10
Flemington	9 37	11 14
Arrive at Lock Haven	9 42	11 18

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Leaves Bellefonte 10.20 a. m., arrives at Snow Shoe 11.57 a. m.

Leaves Snow Shoe 2.32 p. m., arrives in Bellefonte 4.12 p. m.

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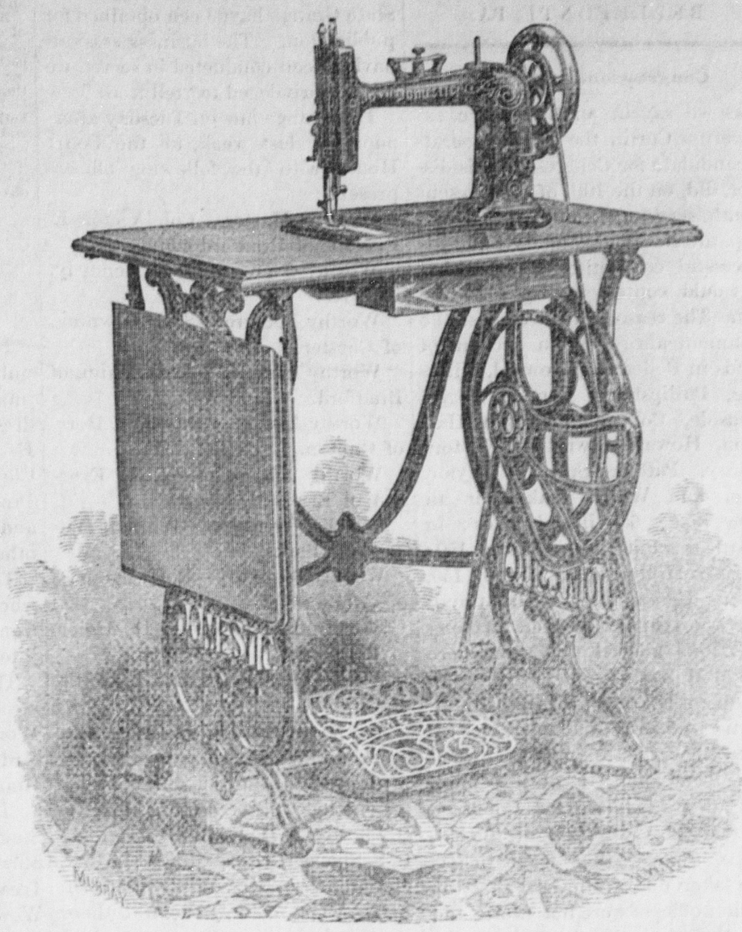

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Bellefonte Republican.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Congressional Contest.

As we say in another place, ex-Governor Curtin, the late Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, did, on the 10th of the present month, serve upon Seth H. Yocum, Esq., the National candidate and his successful competitor, a notice that he would contest his right to the seat. The reason for the contest, the document alleges, is on account of frauds in Bellefonte, Howard, Milesburg, Philipsburg, Benner, Boggs, Burnside, College, Ferguson, Half Moon, Howard township, Huston, Liberty, Patton, Spring, Taylor, Union and Worth, making in all these places 650 illegal votes; in Clearfield county, 850; Clinton, 150; Elk, 99; Mifflin, 111; Union, 150, making a grand total of 2,000 fraudulent votes in the district. Among these, it is alleged that some were bought outright, some voted upon fraudulent tax receipts. In the Democratic township of Benner, it is asserted that the unterrified turned their time honored usages upon their own candidate for Congress, and that votes were bought, the ballot-box stuffed, that legal tickets were taken out of the box, that the election officers were not sworn, and that the whole thing ought to be thrown out.

In Ferguson, another beautiful Democratic retreat, it is said that twenty voted who had not paid tax, twenty others were purchased and that twenty others that were cast for Curtin were counted for Yocum, and that twenty more Curtin votes were not counted at all, and that the election officers were not sworn. All this happened in the old district. In the new district thirty voted who had not paid tax, thirty others were purchased, ballots were taken out of the box and not returned, and that the entire election was illegal.

It may be possible that the Meekite party of 126, being weak in numbers, and knowing that they could accomplish nothing except by fraud, may, where there was enough of them to make a show, have attempted something of that kind, but we are confident that in no place where the Republicans had control was there any effort to defeat anyone by unfair means. That is not the way Republicans conduct elections. We believe in a square up and down contest all the time, and when we are beaten, it is republicanism to submit and wait for another chance, when the order comes all along the line from faithful party generals, "Now then, up, boys, and at them!" and we go at it again to win by honest means—not by fraud. It remains for the Democratic party and the barbarians of the Southern States to make elections a ridiculous farce, and a by-word and reproach to our American institutions the world over.

The Speakership of the House at Harrisburg.

Some of the Republican papers of the State are alleging that the election of Hon. Henry M. Long to the Speakership of the lower House of our State Legislature would indicate a movement to saddle the Pittsburgh riot losses of 1877 on the State, and relieve Allegheny county of this burden, which their negligence in trying to suppress trouble in its incipient stages has justly imposed upon them. We do not see that the effort to elect Mr. Long indicates any such thing. He is to-day the prominent candidate of the party for this position of honor and trust, just because of his unswerving fidelity to the Republican party and eminent fitness for it. The time has come when the party should honor the men who are an honor to it.

We have little personal acquaintance with Mr. Long, but we honor and respect him, and should be pleased to see him elected Speaker because of his unswerving fidelity to principle. His reputation is as broad as the boundries of the State. He has served in the House for four years, the last two as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. We have the best assurance that his high trust as a public servant has never been prostituted to any service not in the interest of the people of the whole State. In all justice and fairness, then, his future should be judged by his past record, which is among the most honorable in the history of our public men. He does not belong to our part of the State—we have no personal interest in his advancement—but we cannot see a good Republican and faithful public servant maligned without entering a protest against such unfair modes of warfare by the friends of other candidates.

Additional Local Matters.

The State Grange.

The following proceedings of the State Grange have been obtained for publication. The business sessions having been conducted in secret, we are not privileged to "tell it all."

The Grange met on Tuesday afternoon of last week, in the Court House, with the following officers present:

Worthy Master—Col. Victor E. Piolette, of Bradford county.

Worthy Overseer—D. C. Kennedy, of Erie.

Worthy Lecturer—S. R. Downing, of Chester.

Worthy Steward—A. D. Mann, of Bradford.

Worthy Asst. Steward—J. A. Herr, of Clinton.

Worthy Chaplain—W. T. Everson, of Erie.

Worthy Treasurer—William Yocum, of Berks.

Worthy Secretary—R. H. Thomas, of Cumberland.

Worthy Gatekeeper—J. O. Algier of Bradford.

Worthy Ceres—Mrs. J. D. L. Smith, of Clinton.

At 2:30 the Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Piolette, who appointed the following committee on credentials: George Moscrip, Bradford; O. D. Kendle, Clearfield; L. S. Spencer, Erie; Mrs. T. L. Rex, Montgomery; Mrs. William Marsh, Erie. Upon calling the roll there appeared to be about one hundred and fifty delegates present.

The following were appointed a committee of arrangements: Leonard Rhone, John A. Hunter, Col. J. F. Weaver, Mrs. Calder and Mrs. Dale—all of Centre county.

The State Grange of New Jersey being in session at Trenton, telegraphic fraternal congratulations were interchanged.

Worthy Master Piolette delivered his annual address, which related mainly to the secret workings of the order, and will not be published.

In the evening Worthy Lecturer Downing delivered his annual address, which will be published in the regular proceedings. The balance of the evening was devoted to hearing reports from deputies. In most counties the organization is progressing.

J. U. Gillepsie, Chairman of the Committee that visited the State College in September last, made the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To The Worthy Master, Officers, and Members of the Pennsylvnia State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:

Brothers and Sisters:

The committee, appointed at your last annual session, to visit the Pennsylvania State College, met on the 19th of September, A. D. 1878, and after completing our labors as far as possible, in the short time spent on the College grounds, most respectfully submit the following report as the result of our observations.

The College is situated in Centre county, twelve miles southwest of Bellefonte, in one of the richest agricultural valleys in the State. It is a large and commodious five-story building, constructed of limestone, and beautifully located and surrounded by extensive grounds, fine outbuildings and grand, picturesque valley and mountain scenery.

The College has been in successful operation for a number of years, having been organized under the auspices of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society, and incorporated by act of the Legislature in 1854. It was then styled "The Farmer's High School." In 1862, its name was changed to the "Agricultural College of Pennsylvania." Subsequently, in 1874, its name was again changed to the Pennsylvania State College, having to a great extent passed under National control by an act of Congress enlarging and extending its educational scope, and granting it an amount of land-scrip, from the investment of which the institution realizes thirty thousand dollars annually; a sum sufficient to pay Professor's salaries, and contingent expenses: consequently, there are no charges made for instructions.

The farm consists of four hundred acres of land, one hundred of which is devoted to experimental farming, and the remaining to ordinary agricultural purposes: all of which is in a high state of cultivation; evidencing the superior ability of the distinguished professor under whose supervision it has been placed.

The College proper is prepared, and has all the facilities for imparting instruction in all the higher branches of learning; but is more especially adapted for teaching agriculture both as an art and science. The institution is under the charge of twelve professors, with the Rev. James Calder, D. D., as Principal. Though our stay at the school was short, yet we were satisfied that the Professors were all men of high literary and scientific acquirements, of pure and unblemished moral character, gentlemanly in their deportment, courteous and obliging to strangers, and in every way eminently qualified to fill the respective positions assigned them, and efficiently discharge the onerous duties incumbent upon them.

This, though excelled by no institution of learning, in its method of imparting instructions in the classical and scientific branches of education, is yet more especially the Farmer's school. His hard earned substance has contributed largely to make it what it is, and it is now his privilege to enjoy its inestimable benefits. Here the sons and daughters of the tillers of the soil can be educated at a cost little above home expenses; and when they have passed successfully the several degrees, and graduated, they have then not only acquired a thorough and complete knowledge of practical and scientific agriculture, but are eminently fitted by their superior education to fill any of the various stations of life.

This institution being located in a rural district, its students are comparatively free from the contaminating influences which entrap and ruin so many of the youth of our cities and large towns: And being under the immediate control of preceptors of high christian attainments, their morals are as secure as they can be within the sacred precincts of their own homes.

The instructions imparted here seem to be a solid nature. The female student is prepared for a *matron* instead of a parlor ornament. The male student is fitted to be a *man* instead of a fashionable loafer.

We would recommend this institution to the patronage of all, and especially the farmers throughout the country. We feel safe in saying that anything the Grange might do to promote its success would be a step in the right direction. We deem it advisable that the State Grange should assume a supervisory control over the college, as far as is consistent with the chartered rights and privileges of others. And, although this is the first time it has been visited by a committee of Patrons of Husbandry, yet it should not be the last time; but the State Grange should appoint a committee composed of persons of the highest agricultural and literary acquirements, whose duty it should be to visit the school annually, and oftener if practicable.

It is pleasing to contemplate this one phase of modern civilization, viz: That the farmer, once deemed incapable of acquiring an education, as it was thought that knowledge lay beyond the reach of one in so humble a situation, can now, by the aid of this institution, be brought into contact with the great minds both of the past and present, whose precepts and example will elevate him to a position of social equality, and enable him to exercise intelligently the rights of citizenship, which alone can preserve the cherished institutions of our country.

Fraternally submitted:
J. U. Gillespie, Chairman.
R. H. Thomas,
T. H. Allison,
J. Beatty Henry,
W. L. Archer,
R. A. Travis,
Victor E. Piolett,
James F. Weaver.

In the evening the Grange held a public session, to which a large number of outsiders went. Addresses were delivered by Col. Victor E. Piolette, Col. B. F. Fisher, of Chester county; Worthy Lecturer Downing, Chaplain W. T. Everson, and a Mr. Wilson, of Erie, and others.

Thursday and Thursday night finished this year's meeting, which, from all accounts was one of much interest.

The following is the list of officers elected to serve this next year: Worthy Master, V. E. Piolette, Bradford; Worthy Overseer, Leonard Rhone, Centre; Worthy Lecturer, S. R. Downing, Chester; Worthy Steward, A. D. Munn, Worthy Asst. Steward, W. R. Jackson, Worthy Treasurer, Wm. Yocum, Berks; Worthy Secretary, R. H. Thomas, Cumberland; Worthy Gatekeeper, J. O. Algier, Bradford; Worthy Ceres, Mrs. M. J. Moore, Blair; Worthy Pomona, Mrs. D. Marsh, Erie; Worthy Flora, Mrs. S. L. Rex, Montgomery; Worthy Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. L. Denning. Resolutions were passed petitioning legislature to do away with the unjust discriminations in freights. To give the State Grange a representation in the State Board of Agricultural, and recommending the Pa. State College to the patronage of Patrons. Much business was transacted of importance relative to the good of the order.

Teachers' Institute.

County Superintendent Meyer announces that the 32d annual meeting of the teachers' institute will commence in the Court House on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, and continue until Friday, the 27th. The following competent instructors will be present to take part by giving lessons on subjects assigned them:

Prof. W. A. Buckout, of the State College, will be present during the entire session and give lectures on various subjects in Natural Science.

Prof. John S. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall College, will give instructions in Mental Philosophy.

Prof. N. C. Schæffer, Principal of the Keystone State Normal, will give drills on the following subjects: Attention, Method of Teaching, Definitions, Mental Arithmetic, Scales of Notation, School Government, Globes and their uses.

Prof. D. F. Wolf, Principal of the Penn Hall Academy, will give instructions in English Grammar.

Prof. W. A. Krise, of Centre Hall, will give several lectures on Primary Instruction.

Prof. C. L. Gramley will have charge of the Vocal Music Department during the week.

There will also be a series of lectures during the evenings of the session as follows:

Tuesday—Prof. N. C. Schæffer, Principal of the Keystone State Normal, "Education among the Greeks and Romans."

Wednesday—Prof. J. S. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall College, "The Results and Tendencies of Modern Science."

Thursday — Mr. Wallace Bruce, "R bert Burns."

An admission fee of thirty-five cents will be charged for the lecture of Thursday evening.

The following topics are presented for discussion, and reports upon them will be read by the teachers to whom they have been assigned. All teachers are expected to be prepared to discuss them: "School-room Deficiencies," W. P. Harpster; "How to Reach the Children who do not Reach Us," H. H. Harshbarger; "Should the Text Books used in our Common Schools be furnished out of the Common School Funds?" C. C. Shultz; "Oral Teaching," D. L. Zerby; "Moral Training," S. K. Emerick; "Have Permanent Certificates proved a benefit to the Profession?" W. A. Krise; "Advantages Teachers may derive from Visiting each other's Schools," C. S. Dannley; "Vocal Music—Transposition of the Scale," J. B. Newcomer; "Method of Conducting Reviews," M. S. Romich.

Representatives from the several boards of directors in the various school districts of the county will meet on Thursday afternoon, December 26, to take action on the subject of uniformity of text books through the county.

College Township.

Our College township correspondent, "Farmer," sends us a lengthy communication which, for want of room, is not published in full. Among other things, he gives the following items of news:

Wheat, in the ground, for this time of year, looks thin, owing to the great drouth of last fall. The corn and potato crops were short, but wheat, rye and oats turned out well. Take it all in all, we farmers have reason to be thankful for a bountiful harvest, and prospects for an equally good one next season.

Mr. O. Dale has taken possession of his fine and convenient farm mansion.

Mr. G. Irvin has improved his new residence by fixing up the grounds and water conveniences. He is now repairing his woolen factory.

Our fast village of Lemont is still increasing in population and number of buildings. Dr. Dale, who lives near the village, is improving his farm and buildings, purchased during the past year. William McFarlane, Esq., is doing the same, to some extent.

State College, in my opinion, will be one of the foremost villages of Centre county in a few years. The new works which supply the college with water, are, I am told, able to supply the village and country for miles around. Mr. Jackson and several others are making some substantial improvements.

I have just learned that Prof. Hamilton has purchased the William Wareing farm, and contemplates improving it very much. The Professor has been considerably "under the the weather" for a time, but is getting better.

New Year's Ball.

Logan Hose, No. 1, of this place, will give, on New Year's eve, December 31st., in Bush's Hall, a grand masquerade ball, which promises to be the great event of the season. The committee of arrangements, John D. Sourbeck and William Hillibish, are striving hard to make the thing a big success, and we have no doubt as to their ability to do so, if properly sustained by our people. The company is working energetically to get along, and is deserving of the help of the entire community. We are aware that many of our people are not in sympathy with balls and similar amusements, but it only costs a few cents to buy a ticket. Then, if you don't go yourself, or want to keep any body else from going, burn the ticket. If you want to keep every person away, buy up all the tickets and monopolize the concern. This arrangement can be made, and both parties would be satisfied.

—A party of Boston ladies who were spending the summer in a little town not far from the White Mountains attended a fair which was held by the ladies of one of the churches. Wishing to appear properly interested, one of the visitors asked a manager what the proceeds were to be devoted to. "Well," was the hesitating reply, "we ain't certain whether we'll buy an ice cream freezer or a hearse." Every intelligent person knows that the temperature on the White Mountains is very cold. Many persons who ascend them freeze to death for want of clothing. Newman, at his Eagle Clothing Hall, has a quality of goods that will protect you from the severest weather ever known.

—At A. G. Morris' limestone quarry (the old Shortlidge place) below town, on Friday week, there was a big crash, occasioned by the falling of a lot of rotten stone from overhead. Fortunately it occurred while the men were at dinner. There have been several similar falls from this quarry and also from Alexander's, but all occurred either at night or at noon.

—Scott Ickes, aged 33 years, was so seriously injured in an Altoona planing mill last Wednesday that he died in about three hours afterwards. The unfortunate man was engaged at looking after the shafting and belts, when he was caught therein and terribly used up.

—The Fall session of State College closed last week, and many of the pupils have left for their respective homes to spend the holidays. Four-horse teams, hauling heavy loads of baggage, came to town on Thursday last.

—Willard W. Harris, of Jersey Shore, aged 24 years, was killed at Laramie City, Wyoming Ter., on the 20th ult. by a desperado named Tom Griffin, who stabbed him with a pair of tailor's shears.

—Bellefonte is 744 feet above the level of the sea, and the crest of the Allegheny mountains, in Clearfield county, head of Moshannon creek, is 2,611 feet above the level.

—The enormous gas bill against the borough for the month of November, presented to Council last Monday evening, has caused several members of that body to take into consideration the propriety of discontinuing the use of gas in the street lamps and the substitution of a cheaper light. The amount of last month's bill, about $140, would purchase enough of the best quality of coal oil to light the streets for a year. This is a move in the right direction, and with the new appliances for lighting streets with oil, the proposed plan would prove a measure of great economy.

In order to close out my entire stock of gold pens before the first of the year, I will offer the best pens made in the United States at actual fisrt cost. Frank P. Blair.

P. S. The above is no bait, nor advertising dodge, but is merely taken advantage of in the holiday season to make room for another line of goods. F. P. B.

The Buffalo Run Presbyterian congregation will hold a grand festival in their church on the afternoon and evening of the 24th. Eatables of every description will be served. One of the leading features of the festivities will be a large, well-filled Christmass tree. Several useful and ornamental gifts will be chanced off by selling tickets.

—"Those Grange meetings are mighty interesting," said a Howard street Benedict one night last week after his wife had unlocked the door about 12 o'clock and admitted him. And yet that very fellow had been taking a hand in a big game of "seven-up" during the whole evening.

—The planing mill of Laird, Foutz & Bartley, the knitting machine factory and the governor works suffered during the late wet weather because of bad roofs. It required considerable work to keep machinery in good order.

—Three coal dumps were thrown off the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad track at a point nearly opposite the company's office, by a switch that was turned wrong. Engine No. 1 pulled them on in a short time.

—On account of high water at Lock Haven and vicinity, last Wednesday and Thursday, travel on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad was very much impeded. Trains could not run east farther than Mill Hall.

—The Branson Knitting Machine Company have opened an office in the Bush House block, where a supply of machines will be kept on hand and in operation. All shipments will be made from this office.

—Mr. Hoppes, of the Bush House, desires us to say to teachers who intend being in town during Institute week, that boarding will be furnished at $1.00 per day. All the accommodations of a first-class hotel.

—The man who predicted twenty-two snows for this winter had better keep out of the way of those fellows who laid in a stock of bran new sleighs.

We assure our readers that Maj. Tot, now on exhibition in the store-room at Allegheny and Bishop sts., is a great wonder. Weighs 10½ lbs., and speaks several languages.

—Newman, at the Eagle clothing store, is offering extra inducements and bargains in overcoats in order to reduce his large stock. 49-3t

Mr. A. Sheridan, of Easton, Pa., is in town getting up handsome directories for the Brockerhoff House and Garman's Hotel.

—In the merchant tailoring department, Newman beats anything in this county in low prices, fit and quality of material. Hurrah for Newman! 3t

—Both day and Sunday-schools will be supplied with confectionery for the holidays at a small advance over cost, by John C. Miller & Co.

The only place to buy thirty-cent slippers is at Louis Doll's boot and shoe store, opposite the Bush House.

Take your turkeys to Valentines' store. They require a good many at this season of the year.

—William Guie acted as assistant clerk at the Bush House during the Granger emergency last week.

A bottle of cologne and automatic spray combined given away for 25 cts at Green's.

—Given away—a bottle of colonge with an automatic spray—for 25 cts at Green's drug store.

—The small island in Spring creek, above the dam, was inundated last Wednesday and Thursday.

—A little more water would have given the *Herald* office a cleaning out.

Our best dentists recommend and use "Green's Rose Dentifrice."

—Travelers were annoyed several days last week by late trains.

—Bellefonte Academy has closed its fall term.

—"But captivate the palate and you enslave the man." Our devil says "them's his sentiments" ever since he got outside of that last big dinner at the Bush House. He talks pretty big for mine host Hoppes, and says he hasn't got over that feeling of comfortable inwardnes yet.

There was a bright light in the heavens soon after that little rain storm of last week, but we could scarcely tell whether it came from the sun or from Edison's electric light. His Eminence, Old Sol, had grown to be almost a perfect stranger in these parts.

—Among the most active members who attended the State Grange last week was R. H. Thomas, Esq., editor of the *Farmers' Friend*, one of the best agricultural papers in the State. Mr. Thomas is Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

The *Watchman* sanctum was to have had a holiday last week, as Mr. Furey contemplated going to Lock Haven on the morning train. After seating himself in the coach, his mind turned a backward flipper and he postponed the trip until evening.

Prof. D. Magner, one of the best horse tamers and trainers in the country, was in town last Saturday. In the morning, at 10 o'clock, he gave a public exhibition in the Diamond of his trained horses, which amused a very large audience.

—The peculiarity about the A. S. T. Co. black tip is that children's fine shoes, to which they are applied, not only wear twice as long, but they realy add to the beauty and finish of the finest shoe.

—Joe Furey is a biblical student of no mean reputation. Shouldn't wonder if he'd tackle Joe Cook on theology one of these days, in which event the eminent divine's goose would be *Cook*-ed.

—Richard Thomas and Charley Mc Clure, of this place, constitute Bellefonte's committee of arrangements for the Grand Promenade Concert and Christmas Ball of the Carpe Diem Club, at Lock Haven.

—A meeting of the stockholders of the B. E. V. R. R. will be held at Lock Haven on the 13th day of January, to elect a President and six directors to serve for the ensuing year.

—Edith O'Gormon, an escaped nun, who is lecturing through the country, and Father Power, a Catholic priest, of Lock Haven, are having a little tilt as to each others varacity.

—Tyrone Methodists are discussing the question of allowing their church to be used for anything else than religious worship. Not a bad thing to consider—both sides.

—The venerable S. Miles Green, Esq., of Fillmore, has been indisposed for some time. We trust that he may be restored to his usual good health.

—The stock of fancy box paper at the model book store of John C. Miller & Co. cannot be excelled for beauty of design and quality of paper.

Frank Blair's store is visited daily by crowds of people, who, with one accord, say that it is the finest exhibit ever made in Bellefonte.

—Daniel Rhoads, Esq., superintendent of the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad, spent a part of last week in Philadelphia.

Rev. Chappell, of Tyrone, preached in the Philipsburg Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening.

The latest novelty is at Green's. A bottle of "cologne with spray attachment," given away for 25 cents.

—Fishing with dip nets was a favorite task with several of our anglers during the late flood.

Some of Centre Hall's boss singers will take part in the musical festival to be held in that town next week.

If you want delightful perfumes for the holidays, the place to buy them is at Green's drug store.

—We have had plenty of rain lately, and it isn't such a good time for rain after all.

A musical convention begins at Pine Grove Mills on the 23d and closes on the 27th.

—The old saying is that "a green Christmas makes a fat graveyard."

—Travel on the railroads is increasing as the holidays approach.

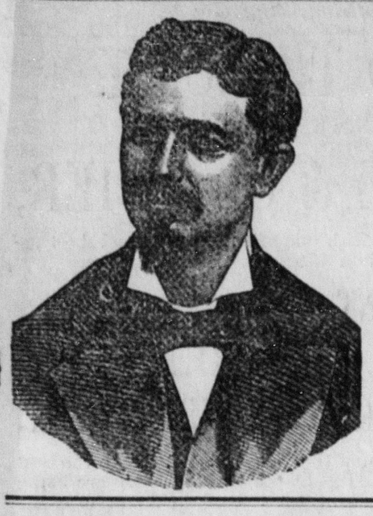
—A great many Christmas gifts have been purchased.

Judge Orvis returned home last Friday morning.

—The Baptist meetings are still in progress.

The Grangers left on Friday last.

Princess Alice, Grand Duchess Hesse, third child of Queen Victoria, died last Saturday of diphtheria. The Gaand Duchess was born April 5 1843. Her father, the late Prince Albert, died on Saturday, December 14th, 1861, a remarkable coincidence.



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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The Church-Debt Controversy.

MR. EDITOR :—In the absence of of the Rev. W. T. Wylie, it becomes the duty of every child of God to defend his Christian character against such unchristian attacks as we noticed in your paper last week, and though it may take all the grace that God has given the writer, he hopes that he may be enabled to do so in moderation.

The Rev. W. T. Wylie was called to the charge of the Presbyterian congregation of this place during the time that their present house of worship was in process of erection, and he preached in the Court House till the new building was completed. Mr. Wylie, on being informed that the house was ready for occupancy, immediately inquired if all debt was paid, and being informed that there were still some $10,000 lacking, he refused to dedicate the house to Almighty God until these debts were all paid or provided for, and in this course he was supported by H. N. McAllister, the most prominent member of the session. A meeting of the congregation was at once called and the amount of the debt was fully subscribed, of which due notice was given the pastor and the house was dedicated, as he and the congregation believed, free of debt.

Rev. Mr. Wylie and the congregation rested in this belief till the annual meeting of '73 or '74 when the treasurer and trustees announced a debt of from four to six thousand dollars. The announcement astounded the whole congregation and was listened to with incredulity and amazement. Mr. Wylie appealed to the congregation to at once extinguish the debt, and a considerable amount was raised by subscription. The congregation, also, by its vote directed that all monies paid into the church for benevolent purposes to be applied to the extinguishment of this debt.

At the annual congregational meeting previous to the resignation of Mr. Wylie the debt had been reduced to the neighborhood of $2,000.

These are the facts in this case as I remember them, and surely they fully vindicate the prudence and Christian character of Mr. Wylie, though they just as fully show that there was culpability elsewhere.

That the ministry of the Rev. W. T. Wylie in this congregation was approved of God is abundantly evident. The multitudes of souls given to his faithful and zealous pastoral labors, and the great spirituality of the church of which the Holy Ghost had made him overseer, abundantly attest this, as is well known in all the churches of this place. Nevertheless, certain vain men and silly women cried out against the approved servant of the Lord; and being moved with envy, falsely informed him that eight out of ten of the members of the congregation desired him to leave, and God in His wrath cursed them with the fulfillment of their carnal desires. For this, God has sent upon us barrenness and leanness of soul, and has brought shame upon us in causing the beautiful house that we have builded to His name, to be brought into captivity. For this, He withholds His Holy Spirit from us, and causes us to walk in darkness. Where now is the spirituality of His people? Where now are the flocks of converted souls returning to God, "as doves to their windows?" But as if this were not enough, the officers of his church have stood up before the Lord, in His holy sanctuary, and in His presence, have said to His people, from year to year, "at the next congregational meeting we will hold an election to determine whether we shall adopt the rotary system of eldership;" but they have never done as they have said before the Lord and in the presence of His people. For this also, the Lord has forsaken His sanctuary because it was polluted.

But as if this still were not enough, the Lord's people have gone back again to the beggarly elements of the world; one saith "I will not go back to our church while a certain man is elder, for he is a hard and unjust man;" and another says, "the pastor is dishonest and proud, caring not for the sheep but only for the fleece," while still another charges him with "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life." For all these things the Lord has brought His people into judgment, and "has hid His face from us, that He will not hear." Break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, "and return unto me and I will return unto you," saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

A MEMBER.

From Howard.

Our Howard correspondent sends us the following:

This little place has acquired some notoriety on account of that supper at the Howard House. Of that I do not design to speak, but would say that the ladies are going to have a dinner and supper here on Christmas day, which I presume will delight all who come, and all are most cordially invited, of course. The proceeds are for the benefit of the M. E. church.

The Town Council are slowly but steadily improving the sidewalks, adding, thereby, very materially to the comfort of pedestrians.

A new board walk from Lucas & Bro.'s store to the depot, and another out on Walnut street to the borough line, are commendable and substantial improvements. It is worthy of note that in all these improvements no borough indebtedness is incurred.

—The *Watchman* says there is a dead lock in the Milesburg School Board, composed of six directors. Three of them are in favor of and three are opposed to having the Bible in the public schools, and so warm has the contest waxed that application was made at the last term of court for a process of some sort to settle the matter. We haven't heard the decision of the court yet, and don't know whether it will be for or against the Bible. The queerest phase of the matter is that the three directors opposed to having the Bible in the schools are Protestants, and church members to boot.

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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT. In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of BENJAMIN LIGGETT, BANKRUPT. } No. 4079 In Bankruptcy. Western District of Pennsylvania ss.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Benjamin Liggett, of Eagleville, Liberty township, Centre county, and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District.

WILBUR F. REEDER,
vol 10-48-3t Assignee.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby warned against purchasing, or in any way meddling with the following property, now in the hands of H. A. Harnden, of Half Moon township, viz.: One bull, 1 cow, 3 heifers, 4 calves, 19 sheep, 2 hogs, 1 sow with pigs, 1 bay mare, 1 wind mill, 1 saddle, 1 plow, 1 two-horse wagon, as the same belongs to me and is subject to my order at any time. ISAAC GRAY.
Patton, Dec. 3, '78. 48-4t*

BALD EAGLE VALLEY R. R. COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bald Eagle Valley R. R. Company will be held at their office in Lock Haven, on Monday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1879, at 12 o'clock M. At this meeting an election will be held for a president and six directors of said company to serve for the ensuing year.

EDMUND BLANCHARD,
Lock Haven, Dec. 9, 1878. 50-3t Secretary

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between B. F. Troxel and Jos. Swires who were doing business under the firm name of Troxel & Swires, in the borough of Howard, county of Centre, in the Tin and Hardware business, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All books and accounts and debts due said firm are, by the terms of said dissolution, payable only to Joseph Swires.
Howard, Dec. 13, '78. TROXEL & SWIRES.
10-50-3t*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—WHEREAS, letters of administration upon the estate of James T. Hale, Jr., deceased, late of the city of New York, have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly authenticated, to JOHN G. LOVE,
10-50-6t Administrator.
Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 16, 1878.

ELECTION NOTICE.—To the stockholders of the Bellefonte Gas Co.—The annual election of said company will be held at the office of E. & E. M. Blanchard, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1879. A president, six managers, secretary and treasurer to be elected for the ensuing year. E. M. BLANCHARD,
10-50-3t Secretary.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT. In the District Court of the United States, of the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of T. R. HAMILTON, BANKRUPT. } No. 4076 In Bankruptcy. Western District of Pennsylvania, ss.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of T. R. Hamilton, of the Borough of Bellefonte, county of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the district court of said district.

S. A. BREW,
10-50-3t Assignee.

ESTRAY.—Came to the premises of the subscriber in Liberty township, about November 1, 1878, two large steers, supposed to be between three and four years old. One is all white; the other a pale red, each having a piece off the right ear. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take the animals away, or they will be disposed of according to law.

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10 9-4f REPUBLICAN office.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned, on the estate of Robert C Herman, deceased, late of State College, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them for settlement.

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Farm and Fireside.

The Grange Meeting.

The annual meeting of the State Grange of Pennsylvania convened in our Court House on the 10th inst. and continued three days. There were a large number of patrons from the various granges of the State in attendance, the most conspicuous of whom were Victor E. Piolette, of Bradford; Gen. Frank Fisher and S. R. Downing, of Chester; Secretary Thomas, of Cumberland county.

On Wednesday evening a public meeting was held in the Court House, which was largely attended by our citizens—the room being crowded. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Everson and Wilson, of Erie county; Messrs. Downing and Fisher, of Chester, and Mr. Piolette, of Bradford. The four first named spoke with earnestness; but dealt largely on generalities, except General Fisher, who had his address prepared, and read it from the manuscript. Mr. Fisher handled his subject with considerable ability, and was attentively listened to; but hardly reached the pith of his subject to the satisfaction of all outsiders. Mr. Pioletie did a great deal of loud talking and made some very good suggestions; but his speech as a whole, developed more of the demogue, than it did of the plain, common sense of a practical farmer. Mr. Piolette was not cut out for a public educator, or he would have learned ere this, that he can never succeed in building up one class of people by tearing another down. Man is a small affair in any country without money, or a sufficient amount of property, and no doubt he discovered this fact when he successfully identified himself with the old North Branch Canal Ring, which succeeded in robbing the State of millions. Before he talks about excessive taxes or unjust interest charges, he should take the mote out of his own eye and show the people that two wrongs do not make one right. We can assure Mr. Piolette and his particular followers that farmers will succeed only by giving all their energies and thoughts to the promotion of their legitimate calling. They must study as well as practice the best methods of producing crops at the least amount of cost, just as railway officials study how to make the most money for their companies. These questions, as dragged into grange meetings, have a tendency to confuse more than to educate the farmer. If a man wants to farm successfully, he must be a farmer; if to run a railway he must be a practical railroader; if a banker, he must be educated in his calling, for it wasn't intended that one man, or one class of men, should run all classes of business. The man who can demonstrate to his fellow man or farmer, if you please, how to produce the largest amount of farm products for the least amount of cost, is the man for farmers to follow, from whose teachings he will receive the largest benefits in the end.

Apples Bearing Alternate Years.

There seems to be much more mystery made about this question, of the reason why apple trees produce most of their fruit on alternate years, than there is any need of. Let us look into it a little, and see whether there are not good reasons for it, sufficiently obvious to one who will think a little, if not exactly on the surface of things.

In the first place, nature and the pomologist agree in dividing apple trees into the two classes, of profuse bearers on alternate years and of moderate annual bearers. There are two other possible classes on this basis—the shy bearers every year, and the profuse bearers every year. But the first of these are not knowingly planted to any great extent, and the second are few in number, and, except in very favorable localities, short lived; for they soon die of over-bearing. The question, then, as regards the first great class, resolves itself into the one why the profuse bearers on alternate years all get to bear, or not to bear, together. Plainly, it seems to us, for climatic causes. Take a young orchard, for instance, and it does not show this peculiarity for several years after it comes into bearing. Then comes a season that, by winter injury or spring frosts, destroys the fruit buds or the bloom, and that year there are but few apples, and afterwards the trees in that orchard, so far at least as the biennial bearers are concerned, bear, or do not bear, simultaneously. The moderate annual bearers do not fall into line with them; but, for the reason that they are moderate bearers, and that on the off year of the biennial trees all the insects are concentrated upon them, they have little effect upon the aggregate production of the year.

Now, about the "odd year," of which so much has been said and written since Mr. Cole brought up the subject, and persistently kept it before the public in his paper and in his "American Fruit Book." It is plain that if our first explanation is correct, namely, that climatic causes are the causes that unify the bearing of the biennial bearers, then, as there are only odd and even years, the year on which they bear must be either an odd or an even one. Now, in Mr. Cole's time the main bulk of the commercial orchards of the country were contained in the district comprising southern New England and the country south of the great lakes, extending down into Pennsylvania. The climate of this section is quite uniform, the same change or "waves," as they are now called, occurring at the same time over the whole of it, with slight local exceptions. Consequently the orchards are brought into line by the climate, and mainly bore the same year, which happened to be the even year. That this was not a rule without considerable exceptions, was plain from the many contradictory examples brought out in the controversy raised by those who discussed the matter; yet substantially it was demonstrated that the even year was the bearing year, with exceptions. As apple culture has extended into climates more or less diverse from that of the section referred to, the exceptions have increased. Yet even now, that section produces so large a percentage of the whole crop that failure there has a great effect upon the supply, and the consequent price of fruit. But there are now large areas where the odd year is the bearing year; and for this reason, though prices are higher on the odd years, the country is tolerably well supplied with apples every year. This will be increasingly so as soon as some sections of the South, excellently adapted to orcharding, have developed their capabilities in that direction. And the same may be said of a considerable section of the North, if the attempt to carry orcharding into successful operation there on a large scale, by the introduction of hardier varieties, attains the success that is hoped for and already partly realized.

Now there is an important corollary to be drawn from the above stated facts, which is worthy the attention of fruit growers, namely, that no human efforts can alter the bearing year. It now happens to be, over a large area, the even year. A freak of climate may change it to the odd year over the same area, but nothing else can. High culture will compel some varieties that are naturally biennial to become annual bearers, but all fruit produced on the years when the majority of orchards do not bear, will be inevitably subject to an onslaught of insects which will greatly injure the crop. Some orchardists maintain, with a show of reason, that for this reason it would be better if not an apple were grown the odd year, where the even year is the bearing year, or on the even year, when the odd year is the year of fruit.

Pen Thoughts From Every-Day House.

ANNIE L. JACK.

"Old Stranger is failing in her milk," said the milkmaid one morning in November. "Give her carrots and corn straw," said I, "and she ought not to fail yet." There is a great deal in the way a pet cow is cared for at this time of the year. A few hurried days of careless feeding will reduce the milk both in quality and quantity, and at no time of the year are milk and cream more appreciated than during the autumn months. How delicate the custard! what rich squash pies we can make! and at no other season is a bowl of bread and milk so relished by the children, for the days are cool and bracing, and their appetites are good. In making custards, a little gelatine improves the appearance, and the secret of making them well, is to stir sufficiently. A little cream is a great improvement put in with the flavoring. All these things one cannot get if the cow fails in her milk.

It was something like this that formed the subject of our breakfast-table talk, and looking round I detected the amateur cook smiling dreamily. "Let us share," I said. "I was thinking," she said, "of the party last summer when I was assisting some ladies to prepare trifles. Each one chose her task, while I waited for orders, and the whipped cream fell to my share. I was told it was hard work, though I had never found it so at home, but then we had never whipped more than half a pint at a time. Well, I began, and slowly the half gallon swelled and foamed, became little globules floating in the dish, gathered and came forth soft, pale butter. More cream was sent for from another dairy. This was three times repeated and each time with the same result. Had I placed the dish in ice before commencing and put in the merest pinch of soda, this would not have happened; but then one never does know or remember a thing till too late."

"Did you taste that apple trifle the other day at Mrs. Stairs?" asked the family epicure. "Yes, yes," was answered by those present with every gesture of intense satisfaction, and as it may be useful to those who have apples in profusion during this season of plenty, I shall pen it for my readers:

One dozen tender apples of good flavor; a large cup of sugar for the custard, and a large tablespoonful for the apples; of milk not quite a quart; three eggs and the juice of one lemon; a pint of cream beat with powdered sugar. Slice the apples, place in a jar, cork lightly and set in a kettle of warm water, bring to a boil gradually. When the apples are tender and clear beat to a pulp; sweeten with the tablespoonful of sugar, add the lemon juice and place in a glass dish. Make a custard of the milk, sugar and eggs, with a little isinglass; boil till it thickens and put it away till cold. Then, when the apples are cooled and firm, pour the custard over, and lastly your whipped cream. It is a pretty autumn dish, and well repays the trouble of preparing it.

Three Missionaries Eaten Up.

Intelligence has been received from the Island of New Britain of the massacre, on April 19, of three native Wesleyan mission agents, who were set upon and murdered, and their bodies eaten by the mountain tribes. The Wesleyan church in Australia directs and supports evangelistic operations in the Friendly Islands, the new colony of Fiji, Samoa, the lone island of which New Britain and New Ireland are the largest. The mission is under the charge of Rev. George Brown, who resides himself on one of the Duke of York group of Islands. Eight of the teachers had expressed their wish and determination to visit the interior tribes of New Britain. They divided into two bands, in order to cross the island at different parts. Four of them started from Blanche Bay and the other four made the northern side of the island their point of departure. The Blanche Bay party returned next day to their point of departure. The other four teachers also reached the plateau in safety, interviewed the natives and were entertained for the night in one of the towns. A chief named Talili, who lived on the lowland, but who had influence in the interior, sent a message to the town in which the unfortunate teachers were lodged for the night, beseaching the tribe to kill them. When the doomed men left the village the next morning the people followed, and, calling upon all whom they met working on the plantations by the way to join them in the deed of blood, at length fell upon the unarmed, unsuspicious teachers and slew them in a savage fashion. The bodies were cut up and the pieces sent here and there to the different towns, where they were cooked and eaten with cannibal ceremony and delight. The object of thus distributing the bodies was to implicate a large number of towns in the massacre—a customary device of savages. The Rev. Mr. Brown, on hearing of the massacre, adopted very severe reprisals, the character of which on the part of a missionary have been variously commented on by the Australian press. An expedition was forthwith organized and the result of the reprisals was at least fifty, possibly more, of the cannibals were killed and many of the towns and plantations were destroyed.

On the Track Again.

A New York dispatch says: It has been known for some time there among prominent Democratic politicians that Mr. Tilden is actively engaged in mapping out a plan of campaign which will ensure him the Democratic nomination at the next National Convention. It is now ascertained that he has emissaries at work in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, and some of the smaller States. In his instructions to these parties, he has confidently stated that as far as New York is concerned he and his friends will be able to hold that vote against the influence of Tammany. The grounds upon which his friends renew their claim are that he was defrauded out of the election. As part of this scheme, is pointed out Montgomery Blair's pronunciamento, in which he elaborately defends Tilden and takes occasion to refer to the leading Democrats like Hewitt, Bayard and Thurman, whom he denounces as jobbers and responsible for this commission, which deprived Tilden of his office. His denunciation of the Southern leaders, whom he calls Hayes Democrats, and whom he says sold out the party, occasions much feeling among these men, and intimate that such tactics will not work. They regard his defense of the cipher despatches, and the alleged attempt to use money to secure the Presidency, as weak and frivlous, and assert if Mr. Tilden is innocent, he will have an opportunity to vindicate himself by appearing before the committee after the assembling of Congress.

Says the *Hawkeye*: In making his rounds of the gambling houses of Boston, Mr. Morgan seems to have missed the church fairs. Perhaps the attendant policeman didn't know where to look for these little lay-outs

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They used a Brooklyn directory to swear voters on at an election of officers of the New York Press Club, last week. Such an oath would embrace the entire community.

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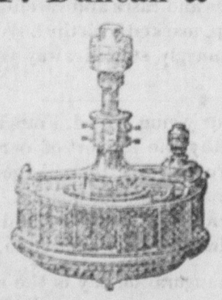

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—On the homestretch—1878.

—The coal trade is getting better.

—Grangers were plenty last week.

—Governor Curtin is able to be out.

—The public schools close on Friday.

—Where will you spend the holidays?

—Our hotels paid "big money" last week.

—Carrier's Address two weeks from to-day.

—Our next paper will be January 1, 1879.

Osceolaites pay one dollar per bushel for Irish potatoes.

—Last Saturday, the 14th, ended the deer hunting season.

—The REPUBLICAN wishes everybody a Merry Christmas.

—A steam saw mill is a proposed enterprise near Spring Mills.

—Bob Frazer's pantomime show is spoken of as being first-rate.

—The Methodist revival will not begin until after the holidays.

—The Turner murder case will be tried in Clearfield court next April.

—Mr. J. Irwin Hagerman visited Tyrone last Wednesday on business.

—A number of weddings are talked of as coming off not many days hence.

—John Irvin, Jr., has been seriously indisposed with muscular rheumatism.

—David Moyer has taken possession of Sheriff Spangler's hotel at Centre Hall.

—No toilet is complete without "Green's castor oil and glycerine pomade."

—To J. A. Rankin & Son, insurance agents, are we indebted for a handsome calendar.

—A little more of such weather as we had last week would have crazed a good many people.

—There is some talk of the Fifth Regiment, N. G., attending Governor Hoyt's inauguration.

—Rev. W. W. Campbell, of Unionville, was among the callers at the REPUBLICAN sanctum last week.

—A 264-pound bear was killed on the farm of treasurer-elect Dotts, in Clearfield county, week before last.

—Another large reduction in overcoats and winter suits at Newman's. Immense bargains for the halidays.3t

—To the joys and sorrows, troubles and trials, realizations and disappointments of 1878, we bid a lasting farewell.

—We are informed that L. T. Munson, Esq., will be retained by Sheriff Spangler as Deputy Sheriff. A good selection.

—Major. George F. Harris, surgeon, will soon examine all men of the Fifth Regiment as to their physical condition.

—The time set for holding the County Institute will interfere with the holiday enjoyments of a good many teachers.

—The *Herald* says Clearfield expects to send *fifty* feet of saw logs to Williamsport this winter. Don't you mean fifty millions?

—We haven't observed any Bellefonte boys coming towards town with frozen fingers and a pair of skates dangling around their necks.

—To convince you that I have just received the finest assortment of hanging lamps in this town just call nd see them.—H. K. Hicks.

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—The subscriptions to the debt fund of the Presbyterian church amount to over three thousand dollars—almost the entire sum that is required The clouds thus are gradually breaking away.

Fifth Regiment Inspection.

Last Tuesday, the 10th, Adjutant General Latta, of Governor Hartranft's staff, and General James A. Beaver, Brigade Commander, together with the Regimental officers, inspected the Fifth Regiment, National Guard, at Tyrone. The weather was so bad that all evolutions were performed in Ray's tannery, a large and commodious building. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the boys turned out well, the companies averaging fifty men. The companies composing the regiment were met at Tyrone by Sheridan band and escorted to headquarters. The music furnished by this organization is spoken of very highly.

At 12 o'clook an election was held for Major, resulting in the choice of Captain Wolslagle, of Wilmore. The inspection passed off entirely satisfactory. Company I, of Bedford seemed to take the lead for good drilling, while Co. B., of Bellefonte received many encomiums for fine maneuvering. This company did not receive its new uniforms until reaching Tyrone, and even then several had to appear in line without them. They returned Tuesday evening, feeling first-rate.

Week of Prayer.

The executive committee of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States makes the following suggestions for the observance of the week of prayer, subject to such alternations as local circumstances may render desirable:

For the Sabbath, January 5th as a subject for the pulpit: "Christain Union."

Monday, January 6—Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year, and prayer for their continuance.

Tuesday, January 7—Prayer for the church of Christ, its ministers, its growth in grace and its enlargement.

Wednesday, January 8—Christian education, the family, the young, colleges, seminaries of learning, Sabbath and other schools; christian associations of young men and young women.

Thursday, January 9—For nations, rulers and people; for peace and religious liberty on the earth.

Friday, January 10—The press, for a blessing on publishers, editors and authors; the cause of temperance and other social reforms.

Saturday, January 11—Home and foreign missions, and the conversion of the world.

On Sabbath evening, January 12, it is suggested that public union meetings be held for prayer, praise and presentation of the objects and work of the Evangelical alliance.

—Messrs. Isaac Guggenheimer & Co. the popular merchants who have for a long time occupied a room in Bush's Arcade, intend removing to the room formerly used by John Hoffer, under Reynolds' Hall, on Allegheny street. Before doing so, however, he will dispose of their large stock of goods in order to commence anew. This great sale will particularly refer to winter goods and fabrics, and from this day on he expects to give our people the most astonishingly low prices ever heard of. The great clearance sale is now in progress, and every person should take advantage of it. 49 4t

—James M. Emery, a former Lock Havenite, is a candidate for the Lemars (Ia.) postoffice. That town—L. H.—turns out more postoffice candidates than any other place along the river. Mr. Emery is a printer and should have it, as a matter of course. Printers run well. For instance, Mr. Kinsloe, of the Clinton *Republican* was a candidate for that place in Lock Haven, and Mr. Whaley was to have been post master under Mr. Tilden, they say. Neither succeeded.

—The Altoona *Tribune* is responsible for the following: "Gen. Beaver and staff were treated very discourteously during the recent inspection at Pittsburgh. The Smoky City is fast becoming notorious for its rudeness, riotousness and bad faith. Such conduct detracts nothing from Gen. Beaver as a brave soldier and an accomplished gentleman."

—People who are too confounded penurious and miserly to subscribe for a county paper, should send to our Legislative representatives, sometime in January, for a copy of the *Legislative Record*. It is furnished free of charge, and contains all the latest news on science and political economy.

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—The boilers over one of the fires at the water works have been repaired under the supervision of George Rodgers, engineer.

—A fine lot of boys' tool chests for Christmas presents at H. K. Hick's.

A Commendable Project.

We were asked to purchase a ticket having these words printed thereon: "Oyster Supper; Proceeds for the Benefit of the Ironworkers' Building, at Valentines' Iron Works; Price 50 cents." As the object for which the money was being raised was entirely new to us, we made a few inquiries, and came to the conclusion that a better project was never set on foot. The men at Valentines' Works have felt for a long time that they needed a place in which to worship; a room in which to hold their social gatherings, and a place in which the men could meet, read and converse together every day. Our informant told us that over forty men had joined the temperance club, belonging to the works, nearly all of whom are in good standing order to-day, and this club is very hopeful of succeeding in persuading all the men to join. The men feel that if there was a building erected at the works, providing rooms to which they could at any time go and set and read, or talk together, it would be such a help to those who do not want to waste their money on whiskey and beer, but who are often led into it through coming into town for some amusement, etc.

They now propose to commence raising a fund for this building, and an architect in town has kindly offered to present them with a plan of a building. Messrs. Valentines have encouraged the men, and promised to give them very material aid. The various owners of the property have given the ground. Every man at the works will contribute liberally, and no doubt many in town will feel like giving them a helping hand, for it will be a very practical help towards the temperance cause. They propose to erect a two-story frame building, the upper story to consist of one large room to be used for religious services and meetings, and the lower story to be divided into three compartments by folding doors, and these rooms to be used for reading, conversation, etc.

They have been holding social meetings of varied character for some time past in the school house, but that room is so small that it will not seat more than half the people, and having to sit on the school forms between the desks, can be likened to being screwed in a vice. To make a start, they hold an oyster supper on Christmas day in the school house, tickets for which they are now selling at 50 cts. a piece. We wish them every success.

A Deserving Compliment.

During the late meeting of the State Grange at this place, Mr. Hoppes, of the Bush House, made many new and valuable friends among the Patrons of Husbandry. Last Thursday morning a meeting of the guests was held, and after Geo. Moscrip, Esq., of Bradford, had been appointed chairman, and S. E. Nevin, Esq., of Chester, secretary, Dr. T. H. Allison, of Cumberland, offered the following resolution. It was, of course, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Patrons of Husbandry who are guests at the Bush House, Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., during the session of the State Grange, return to the proprietor our unfeigned thanks and gratitude for his untiring energy in supplying our every want, his courtesy of manner, his kind attention and his moderate charges; and, furthermore, we commend this house to our brother farmers of Pennsylvania who may sojourn in this beautiful town.

—We happened into the Model Book Store a few days since and found Messrs. Miller and Hoover, proprietors, and their clerks waiting on their customers, of whom, we are glad to say, they have a large number. This great emporium is a resort for purchasers of standard literature, for you can buy a handsome Bible, superbly bound copies of Shakspeare, Moore, Longfellow, Whitter, Byron or Tennyson. Hymn books, works of fiction, history, travels and adventure may be found in this place. Picture-books and toys for children, Japanese ware and other valuable presents for older people abound plenteously.

—The *Watchman* kindly informs us that the Pleasant Gap band is to be a silver cornet instead of a brass institution, as we stated in a late issue. So much the better, and we are glad to see that our Pleasant Gap friends are not averse to taking a little silver in theirs. Its an indication that we are trying to get down to a specie basis.

—Teachers and others attending the institute are invited to call at the model book store of John C. Miller & Co. and examine their stock of books, stationery and fancy goods. Great pleasure will be taken in showing goods.

—Six wagons at market last Saturday morning. We have yet to hear of any person "foundering" on the supply of produce.

—Genuine Florida oranges and bananas at Sourbeck's green grocery for sixty cents per dozen.

—Diphtheria still prevails at Fillmore, four deaths having resulted from that disease.

Wedding Bells.

On Monday last A. O. Furst, Esq., a prominent citizen of our town, and a distinguished member of the Centre county bar, in company with Rev. A. D. Yocum, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, took the 10:05 A. M. train, ticketed for Milton, Northumberland county. Mr. Furst was looking very finely, arrayed in bran new dry goods, seemed remarkably cheerful, and his face bloomed with glittering smiles. All these things, and the stories which Dame Rumor had set afloat, naturally excited our curiosity and inquisitiveness, as is always the case with ye local when in search of live, readable items of current happenings. After pulling down our vest, wiping off our chin, and whistling "Grandfather's Clock," we mustered sufficient courage to approach the object of our curiosity, and begged to be informed of his mission —whether it wan't matrimony.

"I have the preacher with me," was the prompt response.

"Going to marry the daughter of some other townsman, when we have so many fair and blooming marketable lasses at home?"

"You seem to be quite right," responded the prospective bridegroom, when he smiled more brilliantly than ever as his soul seemed to say,

"This is the way I long have sought,
And mourned because I found it not."

While our heart throbbed with all the tenderness and gentleness of a churn-dasher for the "girls he left behind him," we couldn't help but imagine what a rantankerous kind of a day it would be for us when we shall be called away to Milton, or some other place, to cast off the garments of single blessedness that we may pool our issues with a "better half," who, in nine cases out of ten, is able, (and mighty willing, too), in order to escape making fires these cold mornings, by a dexterous kick to measure your longitudinal proportions upon the floor.

Mr. Furst was united in marriage to Miss Carrie W. Chamberlain, daughter of Moses Chamberlain, of Milton, on Tuesday. They proposed making a wedding tour to Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and other places, after which they will return to his pleasant home on Linn street, where a hearty reception, no doubt will be tendered them by their many acquaintances. The happy couple will please consider our hat tipped, and accept all the kind congratulations that is within our power to bestow.

—The Altoona *Tribune* says an old soldier in citizen's clothes, who belonged to General Beaver's regiment in the rebellion, went up to the General in the Ward House office early on Tuesday morning of last week, shook hands, and, being a little how-come-you-so, spoke thus: "General, I was with you at Petersburg and in many another hard-fought battle, and I tell you it was no ginger bread soldiering then." The room was crowded with militiamen, and they didn't appear to appreciate the regular's remarks to any extent.

—"How much did that suit cost you?" was asked of a man who just popped out of Newman's with a bundle under his arm. "Well, one-half of what it would cost me at any other store, added to twice as much as I have been paying heretofore, less five times the amount they asked me down town, divided by two-thirds of what I emphatically told them I wouldn't pay, plus three-fifths less than what I expected to get them for will equal one-fifth of what the suit cost me." He paid $3 for the suit.

—Wilbur F. Reeder, Esq., of this place, will be married to-morrow to Miss Lillie Gotwalt, of Berwick, Columbia county, formerly of Lock Haven. A trip to New York, Washington and other points is contemplated. May the choicest blessings fall upon the happy couple while passing down Time's rugged stream. We sincerely believe that Miss Gotwalt will be able to *Reed'er* title clear to our young friend.

—John C. Miller & Co., at the model book store, respectfully request the citizens of Bellefonte and vicinity to call and examine the beautiful stock of holiday goods. They take great pleasure in waiting on customers, whether they buy much or little.

—Finest assortment of perfuming colognes, hair brushes, combs, etc., in the city at Zellers', Brockerhoff row. Be sure and see those cologne bottles —new styles. 47 4t

—Every one interested in education should attend the examinations of the scholars of our public schools, which commence to-day and close Friday.

—Money is like the air we breathe; if you have it not you die. And Money is like Newman's clothing; if you don't have a suit, you go off the handle.

He Wanted to Die.

A forlorn-looking woodsman happened into the Bush House office last Friday morning about dinner time. From his conversation we took him to be an irate Greenback communist, for the reason that he was dreadfully down on rich people. "I wish I was out of this world" said the down hearted fellow, and yet the railroad, canal, and a drug store were within a hundred feet of where he sat, but he didn't make one solitary motion as though he contemplated pitching a freight train off the track by throwing himself under the wheels. Nor did his manner, by a large majority, indicate that he had any notion of finding relief, by plunging into the merciless embrace of the waters of the "ragin' canawl." Neither did he rush frantically into the drug store and buy a deadly poison with which to end his misery. He had money to do so, but from some cause or other he didn't. After discussing the situation pretty thoroughly, he remarked: "I hate them 'tarnel stingy rich folks who won't help a poor man. I've only two dollars in my pocket now, but I'll give any poor man enough to get something to eat." Indeed, he was a generous fellow, but we didn't observe him approach with an air of benevolence a ragged looking fellow-being who stood by and give him a quarter to get a lunch, which would have been the first bite that day. Oh, no! His "benev" didn't reach out that far from him. He always carries his benevolence with him, we should judge, for we saw him wander back to the bar in a suicidal sort of a way, and get on the outside of a big horn of stone-blind.

The Flood.

The continued, steady rain of the early part of last week filled the streams to overflowing in certain localities, and much damage followed. Spring creek and its tributaries were on a respectable tear, but no serious losses are reported. Bald Eagle was bank full, and at Lock Haven and vicinity inundated the lowlands. Travel on the B. E. V. railroad was suspended on Wednesday, as the road from Flemington to Lock Haven was covered to the depth of several feet.

The Susquehanna has not been higher since 1865. At Lock Haven it ran into town at the upper end, and threw the contents of Bald Eagle into the First ward. Williamsport suffered heavily, many of the saw and other mills, with the yards, were flooded, and in portions of the city dwelling houses were untenable.

The great storm swept over almost all the Eastern States, tearing up things in general; but the recent cold snap checked the rising waters, which are now within legitimate limits.

—Our carrier, Spencer C. Ogden, will call around bright and early on New Year's morn with his Carrier's Greeting. We bespeak for him a cordial reception among the patrons of the REPUBLICAN. He has been faithful to his trust, and will continue to place this journal on your doorstep so long as the duty devolves on him. Go down into the depths of your purse, and gladden his heart and fatten his pocket-book by forking over a quarter, half-dollar or dollar.

We notice quite a large number of Frank Blair's finest holiday presents have already disappeared from his shelves and cases and carefully wrapped up, marked with the buyers name and snuggly stowed away till called for.

—Our young friend, Francis Speer, is worthy the support of our people, and we feel sure that his goods cannot be surpassed for quality. He has on hand a fair stock of holiday presents that will bear inspection.

—Inauguration day is the next festivity on the programme. It takes place on the 21st of January. A number of Bellefonters, as a matter of course, will be in Harrisburg to witness the imposing affair.

—Cal Harper and Aaron Williams, Esqs., are off on a trip to Chicago. It is whispered about that the retiring Prothonotary will return with a wife.

—Go to Sourbeck's for fresh roasted, hump-backed, double-jointed, cross-eyed California pea nuts, a prize in each and every one.

Great bargains in men's boots and ladies' and children's shoes at Louis Doll's boot and shoe store, opposite the Bush House.

Valentines have a very large assortment of useful and handsome articles suitable for Christmas presents. Call and examine.

Present yourself with a new and handsome suit of duds from Newman's store.

Christmas cards and cards of reward, for schools, in endless variety at John C. Miller & Co.'s.

Major Tot.

The marvelous midget, who is now on exhibition at the store room, corner Allegheny and Bishop streets, is surely a marvel—14 years of age and weighs only 10½ lbs. Everybody go and see him. Admisson 15, children 10 cents.

MARRIED.

PLETCHER—HALL.—On Nov. 28, 1878, at the bride's residence, by Rev. J. Benson Aikey, Mr. Theophilus Pletcher, of Howard, to Miss Mary A. Hall, of Mount Eagle.

BROWN—SANDERS.—On Dec. 5, 1878, at the bride's residence, by Rev. J. Benson Aikey, Mr. William H. Brown to Miss Sadie C. Sanders, both of Mount Eagle.

WITMER—LUCAS.—On the 5th inst., at the residence of Mr. Lucas in Unionville, Mr. W. W. Witmer, of Buffalo Run, to Miss Annie Lucas, of Unionville, by Rev. W. A. Biggart.

AIKEY—SHOPE.—On the 8th of Sept., at his residence in Bellefonte, by Rev. Biggart, Miss Sarah F. Shope to Mr. Curtin L. Aikey, all of Centre county, Pa.

STRUNK—HANNON.—On the 22d of August, by Rev. Biggart, Miss Ella Hannon, of Bellefonte, to Mr. John D. Strunk, of Howard.

JONES—ULT.—On the 18th of August, at the residence of the groom in Bellefonte, by Rev. W. A. Biggart, Mr. James Jones, of Millesburg, to Miss Vesta Ult, of Lehigh Co.

WILLIAMS—INGRAM.—On the 22d of August, at his residence in Bellefonte, by Rev. W. A. Biggart, Mr. Meshech Williams, of Martha Furnace, to Miss Adaline Ingram, of Bellefonte.

CORRELL—SWARTZ.—On the 10th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, near Hublersburg, Centre county, Pa., by Rev. W. H. Diven, J. P. Correll, Esq., editor *Easton Argus*, to Miss Rebecca Swartz.

DIED.

SWARTZ.—On December 11th, 1878, of gangrene, Mr. George Swartz, of Penn township, this county, aged 81 years, 7 months and 19 days.

COX.—On Dec. 1, 1878, Mr. Joseph Cox, at the residence of his son, near Eagleville, aged 76 years, 7 months and 11 days.

GREAT MERIT.—All the fairs give the first premiums and special awards of great merit to Hop Bitters, as the purest and best family medicine, and we most heartily approve of the awards for we know they deserve it. They are now on exhibition at the State Fairs, and we advise all to test them. See another column. 48-2t

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Examine our Cash Prices of Boots and Shoes.—We are rolling out the goods lively, because we charge less for them than was ever known. We keep up the quality and keep down the prices. We are bound to sell off this tremendous stock, and trust in the low prices to do the business. We will offer you

Men's fine calf boots at	$2 50
Men's kip boots at	2 00
Women's kip shoes at	1 00
Children's school shoes at	75
Men's wool-lined gum boots at	2 50
Boys' wool-lined gum boots at	1 90
Men's wool-lined buckle overshoes	1 40
Men's wool-lined Alaska overshoes	90
Men's plain gum overshoes	60
Lumbermen's gums, solid heel	1 25
Women's wool-lined Alaska overshoes	75
Women's plain gum overshoes	35
Misses' plain gum overshoes	30
Children's plain gum overshoes	25

The above rubber goods are all first-class and are warranted, and will be sold for cash only.

E. GRAHAM & SON,
10-47-3m Bellefonte, Pa.

An Interesting Conversation.

A.—Ho, John! were you at Bellefonte?

B.—Yes; my family needed boots, shoes and gums, and I thought there was no use in putting it off any longer, and that I might as well go first as last.

A.—I see you got a pair of gum boots—are they for yourself?

B.—Yes; a pair of gum boots always come handy.

A.—Where did you buy them?

B.—At Powers'.

A.—What did he charge you for them?

B.—Two dollars and a quarter.

A.—Ah! I missed it a little, for I paid $2.50 for mine. I'll know where to go next time. My merchant said he would have a new and cheaper lot on hand next Saturday. I see Powers' don't do business that way, and you can rely on what he says. What did you pay for those mens' gum shoes?

B.—What do you think? Only 45 cents.

A.—"That beats the Jews," as the saying is. I never heard of the like.

B.—His low prices don't end there either, for here is a pair of gum shoes for my wife, which I bought for 30 cents.

Indeed, he has some for 25. If you want anything made to order, go to Powers, as he has several first-class workmen engaged, and they do say that he turns out neater work than they do in Philadelphia. He does sell a terrible lot of that store work.

Bellefonte Markets.

BELLEFONTE, Dec. 18, 1878.

As the season advances the demand for supplies at the stores seems to be on the increase, despite of the hard times. The most of the goods sold are put into the hands of customers on small profits.

FLOUR.—The flour trade is dull. Notwithstanding the quality of Centre county wheat never was of a higher grade, and the universal complaint about the low grade of flour manufactured from it is not very commendable to the mills of our county.

CORN.—The market for corn fails to excite any attention.

Rye and oats are nominal.

SEED.—The price of cloverseed has improved within the last fortnight. Buyers are offering from $3.75 to $4.00 per 64 pounds for prime seed.

BEEF.—The market is quite short of good beef, by the quarter or side, at prices to suit consumers. Six and a half cents per pound by the side, was the price asked for a side by a grocer on Saturday.

PORK.—Pork finds a ready market at four and a half cents per pound.

QUOTATIONS.

White wheat per bushel	$ 90
Red wheat	90
Rye per bushel	50
Corn, ear	30
Corn, shelled	30
Oats new	25
Cloverseed	$3 75@4 00
Flour, retail, per barrel	5 00@5 20
Flour, wholesale	4 50@4 75

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, choice timothy, per ton	$10 00
Hay, mixed, per ton	8 00
Long rye straw, bundled, per ton	6 50
Short straw per ton	5 50@6 50

PLASTER.

Cayuga, ground, per ton	$ 9 00
Nova Scotia, ground, per ton	10 00

Provision Market.

Corrected weekly by Valentines & Co.

Apples, dried, per pound	5
Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded	8
Beans per quart	8
Fresh butter per pound	20
Chickens per pound	5
Cheese per pound	16
Country hams per pound	10
Hams, sugar cured	12½
Bacon	10
Lard per pound	6
Eggs per doz	20
Potatoes per bushel	70
Dried beef	20
Wilson's pressed beef per pound	25
Canned tomatoes per can	15
Lemons per doz	30
Dried sweet corn per pound	
Small onions per quart	